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On Re-Reading the Prophets

WORLD NEWS is complicated. It seems to be "written rather to cover up the essential facts than to reveal them," says the *San Francisco Monitor*.

"We turn back to the old scriptural writers for *ad hoc* reporting. The point that stands out in the prophets' reports is that when Israel sinned, the ungodly were permitted by God to conquer it.

"We have no prophets of whom we know today, but it must be clear enough that the scourge of ungodly conquerors is on the land of those who broke their covenants with God.

"There is nothing morally new in this warring world. Only the weapons are different and the numbers of persons involved multiplied.

"This multiplication of those suffering is so tremendous that our hearts seem to be stunned into insensibility. Only God and those very close to God seem able to sympathize with the cries of so many wounded men and so many hungry women and children.

"We are like children, who brought into a great theatre to see a drama, will only look at some trifle like a button on the seat in front. We are stirred by one plane falling from the skies; it makes a headline. But we are unmoved by hundreds falling in battle. It is like understanding a billion dollars; we can fret over five dollars, but cannot comprehend millions.

"Perhaps, God in creating our natures has provided some insulation against calamity. Possibly that is the reason why human nature survives.

"Walking along the streets in the business sections of a city there is no indication on the faces of the people that tomorrow will be any different than yesterday. Yet it is planned to devote half the productive capacity of this nation to war use.

"Those who are in a position to be informed say that the die is cast and the decision made by the men and women with the power to employ all the rest of the people for their purpose.

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"The people in the crowds are not paying any personal attention to the portents . . . They are getting and spending more money than they knew existed during the depression years . . .

"They are not even cynical about the war. They simply are not paying any more attention to it than to the latest movie.

"Yet it is difficult to expect that the American people will be allowed to enjoy the defense prosperity indefinitely without paying for it in suffering.

"Some must man the planes and the tanks; some must remain on the receiving end of the bomb flights.

"Are we ready for that sort of thing? Are we ready for personal suffering and private grief?

"Those who hold the controls of the body politic and all the political-economy have set their course. We do not think that any amount of talk can make them swerve.

"Bombers and tanks will not be the final arbitraments. The decision is in the spirit of man.

"Those who really are with God will have God with them. And as the ancient prophets said, those who knowing Him reject Him are delivered over to the godless."

'Yours in Xto!'

THE Chamber of Commerce of the town of Orangeburg, South Carolina, is reported to have started a campaign to call the holy feast of Christmas "Christmas" and not "Xmas."

Although the Greek *Chi* written like X is a recognized abbreviation for Christ, yet in English it means exactly nothing. In fact it makes of Christ an unknown algebraic quantity, "X."

Isn't it high time that so-called Christian nations returned Christ to Christmas? The Mass means nothing without Christ, but on this holy occasion, together they spell "Christmas."

SOCIAL JUSTICE is very much in favor of eliminating the unknown quantity and restoring Christ and Christianity to the observance of the Saviour's natal day. We notice the prevalent tendency to use the flippant "Xmas" especially on pagan and paganized "Christmas cards."

Editorial campaigns to bring Christ into fuller respect at Christmas time are almost perennial. Successful as they sometimes have been in bringing about a greater demand for religious cards and elimination of the flippant "Xmas," we note a persisting clerical habit of signing letters—even those referring to a greater respect for Christian Christmas—*"Faithfully yours in Xto"*!

Fruits of Persecution

THE destruction of organized churches in Soviet Russia has driven Christianity underground, and the "fires of persecution have purified the lives of Christian leaders and people alike," asserts the Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City.

"God's judgments are abroad in the world," said Dr. Bonnell in a recent sermon.

"Only as nations and individuals return in penitence to Him will they be saved from disorder and ruin.

"We may pray that part of the postwar reconstruction made by a penitent and chastened world will be the granting of religious freedom to the millions of Christians in the Soviet Union."

Pete Hears Something About an Office Party

HIYA FOLKS:

I got my substatoot gurl again, but they're all "reg'lars" in this crowd. I never saw such a bizzy offus, thanx t' you.

Sum folks hav' komplaned that we printed too menny letters pattin' ourselfs on th' back. They sed it wuz unkooth 'r sumthin'. Gosh we're sorry an' we apologize. We won't print so menny uv 'em but, gee whiz, keep sendin' 'em won't you. They sure pep us up. Uv koarse we wanta know about all th' kicks too. I'm speshully int'restd in th' kicks you've got about sirkulashun. Buleev me, I always get right after them.

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Well, all wurk 'n no play makes th' Jacks 'n Jills y' know what—so we hada party. I gess it wuz a kinda hangover frum Halloween 'n Pal's Boss's birthday. I didn't get t' go as ushul but my kid brother "great heart" Pal got in on it.

Pal sez y'd be sprized how respektabul this offus crowd can appeer when they take that worried bizness look off their faces 'n put the party powder 'n dresses on.

'N a nuther thing, he sez, y'd be sprised at all th' nice voices 'n uther talents that go undiskover'd in th' daly rooteen uv a bizznus offus lik' ours.

Why Pal sez he'd wajer that sum uv th' gurls, like Consuelo 'n Sadie 'n Nell f'r instance, c'd sing on th' radio and th' whole roomful uv beauties ought t' hav' been rekorded for color movies, he sez.

I wunder if it reely wuz that good 'r if hez jus' tryin' t' get a rise outa me cause I couldn't be there.

Pal sez Leo sav'd th' day — 'r th' nite as it happen'd to be—with his contribushun t' th' evening's hoomer; but he told me konfidenshully that th' edditur was a kompleet flop.

They kindda put one over on th' ol' fella, I gess. He wuz all set t' tell Jipsie stories 'n they fram'd him by switchin' th' assignmunt. He c'n get away with a bluff about writin' 'cause he sez he's always too bizzy but as a impromtu entertaner he's a dud. As they usta say in his ol' bizzness — Get th' hook!

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Well, I don't suppose y'r intrest'd in th' kiddie kapers uv our offus kut-ups, but, honust, I do think it did 'em good. There's a new spree de koar whatever that is 'n they all pitch'd in th' nex' day with a new zing that's bound t' show in a better magazeen.

Don't f'rgit we're right up against the time we oughta hav those Chrismus gift subskripshuns. Remember it takes about 3 t' 4 weeks t' change a address 'r 'nishiate a new member into th' swellest magazeen klub ya ever belong'd to.

Ask th' man who reads one!

Giv th' littl gurl a hand, she spells wurs'n I can. Goodbye now 'n I'll be seein' ya.

—Pete

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Liberty of conscience and education.
Just living annual wage.
Nationalization of important public resources.
Private ownership of all other property.
Control of private property for public good.
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Restoration to Congress of its sole right to coin and regulate the value of money.
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Cost of production plus a fair profit for the farmer.
Labor's right to organize.
Recall of non-productive bonds.
Abolition of tax-exempt bonds.
Broadened base of taxation on basis of ownership and capacity to pay.
Simplification of Government and lower taxes.
Conscription of wealth as well as men in event of war.
Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property with Government's chief concern for the poor.

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Comment

The New $5-Billion Labor Tax

WITH STARTLING suddenness, Secretary Morgenthau presented another portion of his tax program to Congressional officials.

Unlike the last $5-billion levy, which was aimed more directly at the capitalist and bourgeois class, this new $5-billion would be taken, in most part, from the precious pocketbooks of the factory workers and others identified with the laboring class.

And it is not the last $5-billion that will be imposed upon this sector of our citizenship.

During the past few months retail food prices have risen 54 per cent. Rentals have increased from 20 to 40 per cent. Apparel and fuel have increased in various degrees throughout the nation.

And wages have increased as a result of strikes and union activities. Whether the egg preceded the hen or the hen the egg, we are unable to say in speculating on the rise in the wage field and in the cost-of-living field. The point is this: Although the laborer is getting more for his daily work, he is beginning to realize that he is buying less.

As for the new $5-billion tax imposition directly aimed at labor, we may put the matter concretely in this fashion: A married laborer earning $2,500 a year—and he's almost tops today—has an exemption of $1,500 to start with. On the balance of his pay check he will be contributing at least $3 each week to Uncle Sam.

Advisedly we say $3, because he will make contributions in theater tax, sales tax, gasoline tax and a hundred other taxes over and above this amount. Conservatively, this will mean that his total tax to Uncle Sam will be in the neighborhood of $5 a week.

The only fault SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine finds with Mr. Morgenthau's new plan is that the tax is not high enough. It is not high enough for the laborer. It is not high enough for the farmer. It is not high enough for the capitalist. It is not high enough for the banker. It is not high enough for any of us.

That statement appears to run counter to all we have printed about taxation and the New Deal. On analysis, it supports everything we have published in so far as we believe that our national debts should be paid and not repudiated.

But that's another question. SOCIAL JUSTICE has never supported the Roosevelt-Morgenthau economy. Those who supported it, for the most part, were the duped laborers and the farmers, the Wall Streeters and the bankers—quite a queer combination after all. They were supposed to get most out of the Roosevelt economy. For them Roosevelt and his baker boy, Henry Morgenthau, produced the cake. They can't have their cake and eat it, too.

In other words, they can't have Roosevelt and prosperity for the simple reason that the President's economy spends and spends and spends on fictitious credit money which must be supported on pay-off day as long as the majority of Americans support the President on election day.

No one doubts now that the national debt will soar to approximately $200-billion before this mad regime of war will have run its course. The present $5-billion levied against labor's pay envelope is only the beginning. But this beginning is related with the check-off system—a device excogitated by the leaders of labor. These labor leaders insisted on a check-off system for union dues. Now that this principle is established, the Government is insisting on a check-off system for taxes. The final result will be that a $50-a-week laborer will pay close to $20 a week before the ancient eggs of the New Deal policies will have been unscrambled. And the $30 remaining in the pay envelope will be very meager to combat the higher cost of living which will include food, rents, union dues, fuel, recreation, transportation and other items.

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At this juncture it would be cruel to say that labor is getting what it asked for. Nevertheless, that would be an understatement for the simple reason that labor does not know how to compute what it will be paying three years hence. The truth is labor will be getting far more than it asked for. This will be represented not only in a tax subtracted from labor's pay envelope while the laborer is working. The worst is yet to come when peace will break out, when the factories are closed and when unpaid bills will demand levy upon levy against an impoverished people.

Labor supported Mr. Roosevelt and his regime when the President was campaigning against fools' gold, against war, against participating in Europe's military and naval madness. Labor refused to believe those who knew that the President and his war-campaigners did not mean what they were saying. And the tragic thought which now imposes itself upon us is that labor will still continue believing them as they paint pictures of prosperity, of liberty and of saving the world for democracy.

So, why argue with labor, with agriculture, with business and with those who support the Roosevelt regime?

If all the sectors of the United States listed above can "take the rap," so can SOCIAL JUSTICE. So can all those who, with SOCIAL JUSTICE, know the score and, therefore, can suffer more gracefully than those who do not know it.

For example, labor unions, by and large, supported the *Lend-Lease Bill*, which is nothing more than an international W.P.A. This *Lend-Lease Bill* means that each laborer in America must pay the grocery bills for some family in England or Russia. It means that some farmer or industrialist in America must pay the armament bill for some British Tommy or Soviet Communist. It's a type of international bigamy, if you will, when you consider that a factory worker in Detroit is supporting another wife and family in England or Russia.

Supporting them for what? To win freedom against an aggressor? To affirm that question would be nothing more than logical eye-wash or idealistic nonsense. Hitler has committed plenty of aggressions—and no one argues about that point. But Britain and Russia have committed as many aggressions, if not more. What about Iran and Iraq? What about Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Esthonia and Finland?

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Counting Imperialism already out, let's be sensible and recognize that two camps of aggressors are fighting it out for world supremacy. Several months ago, one was inclined to believe that the contest was between international capitalism and international Naziism. Today, it is becoming clearer and clearer that the contest is between international Communism and international Naziism—provided America keeps on supporting the Roosevelt maniacy of spending ourselves into destruction.

The national debt of Britain and the United States is a dose of financial strychnin which, when swallowed in its entirety, will destroy both these nations as far as international capitalism is concerned. If Hitler loses, Karl Marx wins in the sense that Communism will overrun Europe and England and the United States.

Appeasers and compromisers—be they lay or ecclesiastic—will not admit this. Already, they are making ridiculous and absurd efforts to distinguish aiding the Russian people and the Soviet government. They are like the appeasers and compromisers several years ago who refused to see beneath the advertised principles of the C.I.O. They are like the appeasers and compromisers several years ago who played

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along with Hitler only to find themselves engulfed in a brown backwash of Naziism. They are the persons who are either always too early or always too late—too early to oppose the powers that be because they hope to direct their activities; too late to do anything about it when the powers that be spurn them and their timid weapons of hair-splitting logic.

Now is no time to mourn because we have pigmy politicians leading us in educational, commercial and ecclesiastical institutions. We would have been better off had we had saints in their places with enough courage and faith to trust in God and His instruments of combat.

The fat is in the fire. It will continue to burn and offend us with its nauseating odor until the course is run. It will be a course of bigger and better taxes, of wider and more pressing poverty, of crueler and more destructive radicalism.

Hitler will pass. Stalin will pass; and Roosevelt will pass, as Churchill is already passing. But the ghost of Karl Marx will arise to dominate the scene of chaos which was produced, not by the pigmy politicians but by the knee-bending compromisers and appeasers with international capitalism and international Marxism. They can't read the handwriting on the wall—written last week by Henry Morgenthau and his $5-billion tax on labor.

Let us not be too easily reassured by any action of the Congressional committee in postponing action on the bill till January. The important thing is that we know what is in the minds of the war-mongers.

$10,000 Whoopee!

FOR 24 YEARS Josef Stalin has delivered a speech to his Soviet subjects on the anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. Because Hitler is at war with Russia, and the Hitler haters now run the United States Government, the speech this year was front page news in American newspapers.

President Roosevelt congratulated our Soviet allies on the success of their Communist revolution and sent them a billion dollars, without interest, to be paid back "5 years after the war."

The Soviet Embassy in Washington immediately spent $10,000 of it on a whoopee party of champagne and caviar.

Sam Love, United Press correspondent wrote:

"The Russians, who found a billion-dollar baby in a local lend-lease store, responded handsomely tonight by throwing the gosh-darndest party Washington has seen since the historic 'recognition' blowout of 1934.

"It set the Soviet Embassy back about $10,000. But between friends, what is one out of 100,000 $10,000-bills? The modest setting up of a beer and a pretzel.

"At least 3,000 guests, from admirals and generals to O.P.M. clerks from the grass roots, dipped into the caviar, sampled Scotch and champagne and admired a super-sturgeon baked and liberally bedecked with red flags."

All Out Aid to Henry the Eighth—a Moral

HENRY THE EIGHTH — England's bluebeard king—was the first English monarch to employ the term "defender of the Faith."

By 1532 he was determined to divorce his lawful wife.

Calling a convocation of clerics "to discover their views on the morality of divorce," the king pressured them to moralize his immoral intention.

Archbishop Cranmer wrote a letter to Henry VIII asking him if it were his pleasure to place the cause of the divorce in the archiepiscopal court.

Not satisfied with the letter, the Archbishop even presented himself before the king to beg His Majesty's permission to hear and determine the cause. Cranmer, in his determination to give "all-out aid" to Henry, called on God to witness that he had no other object in making this petition than to exonerate his own conscience and to benefit the realm.

Christly and papal pronouncements relative to the fact that divorce is intrinsically wrong carried little weight with the subservient Archbishop who proceeded to split unsplittable hairs by stating that he was interested only in fulfilling and safeguarding the laws of God.

Thus Catherine of Aragon, the lawful wife of Henry, was cited by Cranmer to appear at the episcopal court in Dunstable.

Helping Cranmer to determine the morality of "all-out aid" to Henry were the Bishop of Lincoln, who acted as assessor; the Bishop of Winchester and seven others, as counsel for the king.

Queen Catherine, on advice from a fearless priest, refused to appear before the archiepiscopal court. As a result she was charged with contumacy and insubordination.

Thereupon, Archbishop Cranmer and his court pronounced her marriage to Henry as null and invalid.

There, then, is an appeasing minded, compromising prelate, whose chief aim was to fit his actions and his life into the scheme of the religious new deal instigated by Henry the Eighth.

Students who care to pursue the story of Cranmer are referred to *Lingard's History of England* (Volume 5). Therein, and in succeeding volumes, they will learn how the cause of Christ suffered as a result of the appeasement and compromise practiced by Archbishop Cranmer.

Express Strike a Month Old

THOSE familiar adjuncts of competitive dual unionism — rioting, clubbings, bloodshed and threats—have visited the city of Detroit where a strike against the Railway Express Agency has developed into a jurisdictional battle between two A. F. of L. affiliates.

Just as the dispute threatened to produce a national walkout the President's intercession gained a truce.

The "strike" was called October 4 by the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employes, who demanded a $15 a month wage increase so as to bring their wages to a parity with those of similar employes in Cleveland and Chicago.

The Brotherhood also demanded recognition, to the exclusion of the Teamsters who sought jurisdiction over the vehicle department of the Agency. Following negotiations between the Agency and the Brotherhood, an agreement was reached and the strikers returned to their jobs.

But the Teamsters, whom the Brotherhood accuses of having tried to break their strike, then set up a strong picket line and refused to allow the Agency's trucks to leave the loading docks.

In an effort to disperse the picket line so that operations could resume, members of the Brotherhood attacked the Teamsters *en masse;* the result was many cracked heads and general disorder. Several men required hospitalization.

Agency officials then decided not to attempt operations until the dispute was settled. The employes consequently found themselves with nothing to do but sit and draw their pay—which they did. An embargo was put upon Express shipments to Detroit.

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Spokesmen for the Brotherhood saddle a share of responsibility for the mess on the Agency and assert that the Teamster outfit is composed largely of labor "goons" and "racketeers" and "have no right to recognition as bargaining agents" for the Express workers.

Their point would seem to be borne out by the results of an election conducted by a representative of the Railway Mediation Board. In that balloting, covering employes of the vehicle and garage departments, the Teamsters were defeated by a margin of more than 20 to 1.

It was after this election that the "strike," supposedly, was settled and the Brotherhood ordered its men back to work.

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Despite the overwhelming vote registered against the Teamsters, however, the latter have blockaded the loading docks and vowed to keep things at a standstill until they receive recognition.

They claim that the Agency has given them such an agreement.

Meanwhile, vital shipments of defense materials—to say nothing of normal commerce for the approaching holiday trade—are prevented from moving to their destination.

With all of the labor legislation now on the Statute books, there should be no reason why such a senseless and wholly unnecessary squabble between rival labor unions should be permitted to disrupt the business life of the nation's fourth largest city, for more than a month.

Perhaps, now that a national tie-up is threatened at the busiest season of the year, some of the "hidden issues" may be forced into the limelight.

Comment

U. S. A. Nazified To Fight Nazis

IRONICALLY the Nazi ideology of totalitarianism which the American people have been enlisted to crush, even at the cost of open warfare, has wormed its way into our national life under the guidance of our own New Deal Government.

We are, in a manner of speaking, being Nazified for the purpose of exterminating Naziism.

This is manifest in various phases of our so-called defense effort.

The training given the United States Army is based to a considerable extent on what military observers have learned from German operations. The formation of the Army's armored divisions follows closely the pattern of the Nazi panzer divisions which have proved so efficient in the conquest of Europe.

We have put into practice the military tactics and strategy of the German militarists, even to the modifications introduced by the Nazis in their Russian campaign. Lacking adequate equipment, we are training our troops, in many instances, as Germany trained hers—without the guns with which they will some day fight.

Of course, Germany has borrowed ideas from us, too. Dive-bombing, for example. They took this tactic, improved upon it, and built a whole new system of attack revolving around it. Now we are utilizing the improved product and seeking to improve it still more.

German military observers in the United States adopted many American innovations which our Army heads had discarded as useless or at least too impractical. Among these are the independent air arm, maneuvers based on mechanized and armored divisions, abandonment of cavalry for swift moving infantry, and parachute troops. Like dive-bombing, the military value of these ideas has finally been recognized by American officers. German successes have taught the Americans how to translate those ideas into concrete results.

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In the economic field, too, there is a striking resemblance between Nazi Germany and democratic America.

Years ago, Germany began creating substitute materials against the day when war and blockade would prevent the importation of natural raw materials. Germany made *ersatz* rubber, among other things.

Now, America is manufacturing *ersatz* rubber under German patents which America obtained before we ever thought of conflict with the Reich.

Germany made *ersatz* silk stockings from coal and air, and now America is doing the same.

A new plastic industry has sprung up in Germany. Industrial and military experts point out that the Nazis may win the war by virtue of their perfection of plastic substitutes.

Airplanes made of plastic material pressed out in solid pieces are being tried experimentally by the Luftwaffe. The plastic planes are said to be more stable than those of aluminum, and reports have been heard that they are nearly bullet proof in vital parts.

If plastics can be made from wood, weeds, farm crops and waste products; if they can be used extensively in the production of airplane fuselages and other parts; if the result is stronger, safer, less expensive and more efficient airplanes, then a whole new chemical-mechanical age will be born.

For not only airplanes, but automobiles, refrigerators, houses, boats and dozens of products will be made of plastic.

What this will mean for the steel industry remains to be seen. Perhaps it will bring further improvement in methods of production which will materially decrease the cost to consumers. Competition often works wonders.

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Lest it be said Germany alone is pioneering in plastics, it must be remembered that in America also the industry is moving ahead swiftly. Only recently, Henry Ford exhibited an experimental automobile, the body of which was composed almost entirely of plastics. Ford and other automotive engineers have been pursuing the possibilities of plastics for several years, but there has been no general development of the embryo industry because of the plentitude of natural materials.

With the introduction of priorities and and shortages due to the war emergency, however, the situation is apt to change rapidly.

Those are merely examples of the similarity between the methods of war-bound America and war-engrossed Germany. The list is long.

It is not at all improbable that the German and American production of synthetic materials will some day create a chain of substitute uses for materials which were unobtainable during the present war. Just possibly, neither nation will any longer need the raw natural rubber of the Dutch East Indies or the raw silk of Japan.

Two great industrial nations, now about to fight each other, may later establish a commercial empire based on the manufacture of synthetic materials which will destroy the markets of the old empires of the British, Dutch, French and Belgians.

It is also possible that America and Germany will become the key nations of a new system of finance based upon barter, just as they will be the dominant figures in industry and commerce.

In government the growing similarity between the two powers is most pronounced.

Germany has mobilized the industrial, agricultural and commercial strength of its country to such extent that the Nazi government has complete control of every activity.

The United States is fast proceeding in that direction. The all-out "defense" program directed by the Roosevelt administration is predicated on the Fascist and Nazi scheme of regimentation of labor, collectivization of capital and socialization of productive facilities.

We may denounce the totalitarian idea in America, but with the *tempo* of war increasing we may as well admit to ourselves that we are nearer the much hated and feared reality of totalitarianism than we are to pure Constitutional democracy.

Bendix Plant Seized

AS THE RESULT of a strike at the Air Associates, Inc., plant, Bendix, New Jersey, the Government has taken over the plant.

The factory is the third recently commandeered by the Government.

The captured plant is not important in itself. It indicates the path which the New Deal Government chooses to follow. Boiled down, the affair amounts to this: Industry will either go along with Government, or Government will seize industrial plants.

Before labor begins applauding this forthright, bull-dozing attitude on the part of Government, let labor realize that its own turn is coming next.

Definitely, the New Deal plans to outlaw strikes, slow-downs and labor contentions.

Definitely, labor is about to be Hitlerized in America.

The start has been made in the tax program.

The finish will not be evident until C.I.O. leaders either surrender to Government or accept the hospitality of a jail warden.

Some pantie-waist philosophers will scoff and sneer at such a prediction. Now, as hitherto, it is impossible to deal with that type of appeaser and star gazer. All we can do is wait and see — and supply the appeasers either with a wailing wall or a crying towel.

We foresee every factory in the United States regimented if Mr. Roosevelt has his way of an all-out war. We foresee every laborer, practically, in the Army and operating under military rule. We foresee an attempt on the part of Government to take over labor unions.

And when peace breaks out, we foresee the most chaotic reaction ever envisioned.

It is interesting to note that all officers and employes of the Air Associates plant taken over by the Government were declared discharged — although many were hired back.

Among those not rehired, however, was F. Leroy Hill, president of the company and special target of C.I.O. employes.

Indicating that the C.I.O. will attempt to take over Government, following the outbreak of peace, is an announcement (Nov. 2) to the effect that the C.I.O. is organizing a drive among one million Government workers.

Incidentally, the United States Government is now the largest employer, having more than 1,250,000 persons on its payroll independent of the Army and Navy.

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Peace Sermons Taboo for Air Corps.

COLONEL Early Duncan, mentioned elsewhere in this issue (page 20), stands firm on his order to the Army Air Corps soldiers at Lowry Field to keep away from America First meetings and from churches whose pulpits may express opposition to any of Mr. Roosevelt's "plans."

When the Colonel was attacked bitterly in Congress for his "Hitleresque" command, he said: "I have no intention of dictating to my officers and men where they may worship their God."

Nevertheless, he actually did say: "Some action must be taken if the church becomes the tool of a political organization."

Col. Duncan was backed up in his statement by the Right Reverend John R. Mulrow, head of the Denver Catholic Charities, who said it was "proper to take steps to protect our soldiers from propaganda."

Both Col. Duncan and the Right Rev. John R. Mulrow forget that Congress has not declared war; they forget that this is a country dedicated to free speech; and they forget, above all things, that no Caesar, no President, and no military court-martialist can get very far by telling a Christian priest what he may preach or not preach in his pulpit.

Presumably, it will be "propaganda" to preach a Christmas sermon on the Prince of Peace.

It will be "treason" to remind war-mongers that they who use the sword shall perish by it.

It will be "insubordination" to condemn a policy of all aid to Communist Russia and the Soviet government.

The President's plan is already in the oven. Soon, it will be baked by the heat of passion. And, in the near future, the American public will be forced to eat the bread of their own confecting.

Lord Halifax and Rotten Eggs

LORD HALIFAX—the gentleman who insisted on the British government's adopting the *Peace Treaty of Versailles* as it was signed—has extended his ambassadorial duties to those of roving propagandist.

He came to Detroit to tell the working people to work a little harder; for, if victory, it would be won in the work-shops.

While in Detroit, Lord Halifax visited the Roman Catholic Chancery Office, presided over by Archbishop Mooney. He also visited Bishop Creighton of the Episcopal Church, the Chrysler factory, the Ford factory, the Detroit Athletic Club and other places.

At Archbishop Mooney's Chancery Office the British Ambassador was rotten-egged by a group reportedly belonging to the "Mothers of America."

That this egg fusillade occurred only at the Roman Catholic Chancery Office is indicative. It could have occurred, with greater ease, at other places.

Newspaper editors lamented the incident. Some described the Mothers of America who participated in the egg throwing as "anything but ladies."

Perhaps, some men do not know what is in a mother's heart—a mother whose son is about to be used as a target for a German bullet, while the politicians, ecclesiastics and war-mongers sit safely at home!

Lord Halifax got a similar dousing in Cleveland. He, and the pro-British propagandists who are getting us into war, will continue to receive similar and worse dousings even after the basket of eggs will have been exhausted.

What right has a British ambassador to lecture the American people on how to conduct our domestic affairs—particularly, an ambassador of the type of Lord Halifax, who was so greatly responsible for writing the injustices into the *Treaty of Versailles?*

When has it become an American principle that we must aid Britain, or else the United States will fall to pieces?

Where did the John Bullers in our midst learn in their philosophy or theology classes that the Catholic Church can't stand up unless it leans on the prop of imperialism?

It is high time for the American people to put aside the argument of words and of reason, if necessary.

Perhaps, a rotten egg, a skillet or a rolling pin are the only weapons our women know how to wield. True, they are not as effective weapons as were the guns which our forefathers knew how to use when they established our independence and set up the new nation in 1776.

Pillory the Mothers of America in editorials, if you must, but praise their spunk and their determination when the fathers of America are afraid to act!

More About Rotten Eggs

CONSPICUOUS on editorial pages were apologies to Lord Halifax for his being rotten-egged by American mothers.

Conspicuously absent were editorials lamenting the effrontery committed against Senator Burton K. Wheeler and Charles Lindbergh, whose patriotic efforts are aimed at keeping the sons of American mothers out of war.

We have come to such a pass in our maudlin civilization that proper values are disparaged.

Were George Washington and his compatriots alive at the moment, and busy campaigning to free this country from unbearable taxation imposed upon our citizens for the perpetuation of Imperial Britain, they, too, would be calumniated as "pro-Nazis" and rotten-egged with editorial approval.

The worst punishment God can inflict upon a people is to extinguish the lamp of their intelligence and understanding. To increase this punishment, the Creator can permit blind leaders to lead the blind.

Possibly, we have asked for a chastisement—and are receiving it.

Contrary to the will of the majority of Americans who do not want war, we find ourselves actually participating in it even though it has not been declared by Congress.

Even though peace breaks out in Europe, all premises indicate that we Americans are committed to the pursuit of a long corrosive, war policy which will destroy not only our economy but also our Constitutional Government.

Faith in God seems to be at the lowest ebb in the history of this country. Those who should repose most trust in the Almighty are found floundering in the muddy cesspool stirred up by war-mongers, hoping therefrom to achieve the benedictions of peace and prosperity.

Intelligent persons blink the fact that this is a war to perpetuate the gold standard and the international banking credit system. In their subservient attitude to the Roosevelt regime they content themselves with cutting out intellectual paper dolls to bemuse their consciences.

The task of facing realistic facts, even at the cost of sacrificing their withering social statures, is more than their weak moral nature is capable of doing.

The spirit of the mother of the Maccabees, who preferred to serve God rather than men, has been forgotten.

National principles and national traditions are discarded.

Eternal values are subverted; for men prefer to esteem at more worth the passing prejudices with which they confuse the minds of simple folk.

In this terrible turmoil it is useless to ask the reason why we should go to war.

It is futile to invite contemporaries to peer into the future with all its misery, poverty, persecution and chaos—a future which, most certainly, we are blueprinting for ourselves as a result of our blindness and blind leaders.

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History, They Say, Repeats

No One who has followed the foreign policy of the President of the United States has any doubts that he has been closely paralleling that of President Woodrow Wilson in the fateful years of 1914 to 1917.

Moreover, among those who are informed, the belief is expressed that President Roosevelt hopes to dominate the next peace conference, but that he believes he can avoid a repetition of the Versailles tragedy.

It might be well for him, if our information is correct, to weight well the degradation, the ignominy and the public humiliation of the idealistic, but impractical Wilson who also thought he could handle the wily Luciferian diplomats of Europe.

How well he succeeded is now history, but we cannot help but recall what was described as "the peace conference's most dramatic moment," by Sir J. Basil Thompson, former British Intelligence Service Chief, who was entrusted with the job of guarding the statesmen at Paris.

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On July 29, 1935, the Parisian newspaper, *L'Intransigeant* carried the following account:

"The late Woodrow Wilson was choked, called *'Boche,'* and spat upon by the late Georges Clemenceau, Tiger of France, during the Versailles Peace Conference.

"Sir J. Basil Thompson, former British Intelligence Service Chief, described the incident in his memoirs . . . as follows:

" 'Mr. Wilson and Mr. Clemenceau were already near the breaking point when the Tiger offered Andre Tardieu's compromise solution.

" 'Mr. Wilson rose, straightened his glasses, and replied, France should have nothing to do with the Saar. He rejected all of Clemenceau's suggestions. The Tiger rose, white with fury. He spluttered something unintelligible to his colleagues, then sprang at Mr. Wilson's throat. He shook him violently, as though to strangle him, spat in his face, and shouted, *'Boche, Boche!'*

" 'America's apostle of peace picked up his glasses, ran to the door, then returned to the mirror. His cravat was unfastened, his collar torn. He repaired the damage as best he could. Mr. Clemenceau, ghostly pale, reseated himself and watched the strange toilet with lips compressed.

" 'David Lloyd George, then British Prime Minister, witnessed the scene in silence. He contemplated his pencil point, avoiding the Tiger's attention. His clothing adjusted as best as possible, Wilson squared his shoulders, crossed the room, and went slowly through the door.

" 'That,' Sir Basil said, 'was the peace conference's most dramatic moment'."

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After Hitler's defeat, we can easily imagine the characters changed: Stalin in Clemenceau's place, Roosevelt in Wilson's, and, possibly, Ernest Bevin in David Lloyd George's role.

Yes, we can see the Red Tiger of Moscow shaking the daylights out of a scared Roosevelt who vainly pleads for his nebulous, idealistic "four freedoms" everywhere throughout the world.

We can see Bevin twiddling his pencil, watching the scene in silence, knowing that Roosevelt is no match for the man of steel — Stalin.

As long as President Roosevelt is following the esoteric foreign policy course of Woodrow Wilson, it might be well for him to contemplate, in the silence of his heart, what awaits him at the end of the trail.

Ask Jewish Army and Flag

November 2, 1941, marked the 24th anniversary of the famous *Balfour Declaration* which promised the Jews a National Home in Palestine; despite the fact that Great Britain had already promised Palestine to the Arabs two years earlier.

Jewish leaders throughout the world continue to hold Britain to her bargain, which was that they could have Palestine if the United States came into World War No. 1 on the side of the Allies.

Senator Alben W. Barkley, majority leader of the United States Senate, and Senator Robert F. Wagner — the former a member, and the latter chairman of the American Palestine Committee—spoke at a 24th anniversary meeting, pleading for a Jewish army to fight with the British in the Middle East.

Both Senators asserted that it was this country's policy to support the carrying out of the intent of the *Balfour Declaration*, and both said the Jews should have a right to fight as a people against Adolf Hitler.

Senator Barkley said:

"Already thousands of Jews have joined the ranks of the fighters for freedom. But there are many thousands more who are anxious to be admitted into those ranks to fight with the British as a Jewish army under their own flag, even as the armies of the conquered nations, the free French, the Czechs, the Poles and others are fighting. I trust that the aspirations for the establishment of a Jewish army in defense of liberty may be realized."

Senator Wagner said:

"As an important bastion of the Allied Front, the Jews of Palestine should be allowed to place a substantial military force in the field to fight with the other defenders of freedom in the Middle East."

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With an independent Jewish army, with a Jewish flag, two key elements of recognition of their status as a Jewish nation would be won. At the peace conference, their spokesmen could maintain that since they had their own army, their own flag—they are "a nation," like the Poles, the Free French and others.

Britain cannot, at this stage of the game, with the Germans at the gates of the Middle East, alienate the Arabs and throw the Moslem empire into the hands of Hitler. Nevertheless, World Jewry continues to demand the fulfillment of the letter of the bargain that Lord Balfour made with Lord Rothschild.

The Arabs have occupied Palestine for the last 1,300 years and were promised recognition by Britain of their just claims in 1915. Then, notwithstanding this, Lord Rothschild drove his bargain with Lord Balfour. The perfidy has come home to plague successive British leaders ever since.

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In the meantime, the Jews have been flooding into Palestine, millions of dollars have been poured into this "key" land by World Zionism; and the outraged Arabs look on, their anger and resentment rising higher and higher.

Britain continues to promise both what she cannot give. She has offered both a "partition plan" which was rejected by both sides.

There the cauldron simmers.

Cost of Living

The National Industrial Conference Board reports an 8.1 per cent rise in the cost of living since the beginning of the war in Europe.

Naturally, such a steep increase is cause for great concern, but the most alarming feature is that 70 per cent of the rise has occurred in the first nine months of this year. Furthermore, a large part of the advance has been recorded in food prices, and has, therefore, cut into the purchasing power of the small wage earner in much greater proportion than it has hit the well-to-do.

This is not the first time in recent years that our monetary system has produced serious fluctuation in the purchasing power of the dollar.

Following the stock market crash of 1929, prices of commodities as well as stocks tumbled sharply. Dollar value increased considerably despite the revaluation of gold, the nationalization of gold and the remonetization of gold and silver—all nostrums of the New Deal monetary jugglers.

Then, in the minor "recovery" periods which followed, dollar value dropped again as prices rose.

Although the entire nation now is fretting about runaway prices, Professor Irving Fisher's index shows that the purchasing power of the dollar at present is nearer to 100 cents than it has been in years.

Using 1926 prices as an index of 100, Fisher reports that in the past three or four weeks purchasing power of the dollar has been approximately 101.2 cents as compared with 123.2 cents in 1939.

However, the index is based only upon commodity prices and hence is not a true indication of the cost of living. Such items as rents and public services are absent from Fisher's calculations.

If the proposed price control measure now before Congress is effective in checking future price advances, some semblance of stability might be achieved. But it will be achieved at the cost of adopting one more totalitarian baby which our American family looks upon with scorn.

More and more, we appear to be fighting "fascism" with "fascism."

Behind the War

British Eager for Invasion of Italy

DEBATE in the British Parliament recently on the conduct of the war has once more brought to the renewed attention of the world the possibility of a British invasion of Italy.

British air forces have long chafed at their inaction. One after another of Germany's attacks in the Near East have been examined to see whether or not they would "stand up" as justification for an R.A.F. bombing of Rome.

Newspaper correspondents in Italy were shown fortifications built by the Italians and Germans to resist the anticipated British invasion. Italian bathing beaches, coastal roads and trunk highways fairly bristle with guns, and barbed wire entanglements.

As the German armies pushed on inexorably into the vitals of the Soviet Union, H. G. Wells, British historian and writer, wrote for the *Washington Star:*

"We (i.e., the British) ought to have three or four forces hovering ready for separate or collective action, embarked, ready for ascent at any one of the 30 or 40 weak points in the Axis front. We can hold more than half of the dwindling German armies here in the West, if we strike now."

Wells spoke for millions of people in the British Empire who take war-makers at their word and who are chafing at the inaction and clamoring that Britain must open up another front, to relieve the pressure on the Russians. One such front, open and tempting, is Italy by way of Malta and Sicily.

It seems almost not to have occurred to any of the commentators, that British inaction in the West may be part of some secret "deal" negotiated through Hess, or some other fraternity brother, with the Nazis. This would be, roughly, to the effect that Germany would lay off bombing the British Isles, and the R.A.F. would refrain from any effective attacks in Hitler's rear, while the Germans took care of their mutual potential future foe, the two-timing Mr. Stalin and his well-equipped Communist hordes.

Of course, "Uncle Sucker" would not be a party, or perhaps even privy, to this canny deal.

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By skillfully concentrating troops in the occupied countries, Germany seemingly has precluded the possibility of any cross-Channel invasion of France or the Low Countries.

Germany is reported to have 1,300,000 men in France, Belgium and Holland under arms; another 150,000 in distant Norway. Though another attempted invasion of Norway is not beyond the realm of possibility, all factors indicate that British strategists and tacticians would prefer to invade Italy —if any invasion of the Continent is to be undertaken at all.

The British fleet has already tested Italy's coast defenses, and British parachutists have conducted reconnaisance flights through exposed parts of Italy, preparatory to formulating a master plan for invasion.

Certainly, with the exception of the heavily guarded French coast, no other Axis-controlled area is as close to a British base as Sicily and Italy are to Malta, Britain's control point in the Mediterranean.

Only a pinpoint on the map, Malta is a scant 58 miles south of Sicily. The latter island is vulnerable in the south and east, where low hills recede to the sea, leaving many beaches ideal for troop landings and "bridgeheads."

Once the British force worked their way tc Sicily's north shore, they would find only the Straits of Messina—at their narrowest point less than 20 miles wide—between them and the Italian mainland.

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Is such an invasion likely?

Virginio Gayda, the Fascist editorial spokesman, writing in the *Giornale d'Italia,* observes:

"The British lack the four prime requisites for landing. First, the capability of transporting colossal masses of troops and war materials far across the sea; second, formidable armed escorts for protecting these troop transports; third, the ability to land these troops on the guarded coasts; fourth, ability to continue to supply this vast army across the seas."

United States military experts, who held joint general staff talks with the British in January, February and March, 1941, are not quite so quick as Gayda to pooh-pooh the idea of an invasion of Italy. They point cut that an invasion from Malta is entirely feasible—provided that the invasion was attempted under the protective canopy of concentrated British air power.

Malta, no larger than Staten Island, is large enough to serve as a jumping off place for a British expeditionary force. Marsamuscetto and Grand harbors are large enough to hold the entire British East Mediterranean fleet. Malta, also, has underground airdromes, vast fuel depots which are tunnelled into the rock, making of it virtually another Gibraltar.

The initial invading force would have to be small; not more, perhaps, than 100,000 men. Such a force could be transported over the 58 miles from Malta to Sicily with a minimum of some 300,000 tons of shipping — provided British parachute troops and "Commandos" (specially trained invasion shock troops) had previously secured a beach or "bridgehead" on the southern shore of Sicily.

This 300,000 tons of shipping—30 large freighters—could readily be collected by the British at this time, especially with the slackening of intensity in the battle of the Atlantic.

Under the protection of the R.A.F. flying from its Malta bases, the British expeditionary force could make its way along the coast of Sicily to the Straits of Messina. Heavy bombers — provided the R.A.F. gained control of the air—could then blast Italian lines of communication and supply in the tip of the toe of the Italian "boot" and keep reinforcements from moving up to the aid of Italian defenders.

Meanwhile, the British East Mediterranean fleet could clear the Straits for the second crossing to the Italian mainland. If the invaders then succeeded in penetrating as far as Taranto, the British navy could move in on that great Italian base from the sea, assuring a supply line from Malta and England to the troops in Italy.

Thus, in the toe of the Italian "boot," might the British, conceivably, open a "second front" on the Continent.

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British statesmen, diplomats and militarists point out, in reply to the urgent pressurings, that the invasion of Italy might not be "feasible." Conceivably, they say, it might prove to be "another Dunquerke."

This would be the first time that "Gallipoli" Churchill has hesitated to stage a Dunquerke, a Crete, or a Piraeus. It may be that the British are protesting the difficulties of an Italian invasion to delude the Germans into suspecting that they have abandoned the project.

The Italians, quite evidently, expect the invasion. Italian men-of-war are not venturing from port, Italian air men are concentrating on Malta and other potential invasion ports, and the Italians have strengthened all coast defenses.

Meantime, what secret "deal" behind the war holds up the British invasion?

England Was Sabotaged

THE HISTORICAL facts behind the debacle of Dunkirk, and the Nazi conquest of the Low Countries and France, are coming to light, little by little.

Much illuminating information was disclosed by the recent publication by W. W. Chaplin of the International News Service, of Viscount Gort's report on *"Why the British Expeditionary Force Was Beaten."*

There are several informative angles besides the bald fact that the British were without adequate ammunition, guns or airplane protection.

Major Al Williams, writing in the *Pittsburgh Press* comments:

"The gist of the report was 'a campaign of 22 days which has proved that the offensive once more has gained ascendancy in modern war when undertaken with an army equipped with greatly superior material power in the shape of air forces and armored fighting vehicles.'

"The British were criminally shy on airpower and mechanized equipment. Why? There it stands—confirmation of what the British have been told by their own 'younger officers' for nearly a generation. With the same story—not a detail missing—repeated in France and the U.S.A. during the same *status quo* period from the closing of the last war until this holocaust began.

" 'Air forces and armored fighting vehicles.' Fighting a war or trying to fight a modern war without a preponderance of

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these ultra-modern weapons is equivalent to attempting national suicide.

"The rest of Gort's report had to do with the usual routine quarreling and cross purposes of each and every instance where the British and the French have attempted to carry on a war.

"Of course, Gort only touches upon some of the terrible scandals in the recent Low Countries and Battle of France campaigns. He mentions the conflicting orders and those 'impossible of execution' issued by the French and British general staffs.

"No one has yet explained why the Royal Air Force was ordered to evacuate their advanced airdromes, leaving vast numbers of precious and perfectly flyable fighting planes standing all fueled and ready to take off. Later this error was corrected in part by a panic order sending back some pilots in transports to man the deserted fighters and fly them to England.

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"But the main story in Gort's report is the flat confession that the Germans were ready for this war with the airpower and armored vehicle tools and the British were not.

"Those of us who had inspected the national fighting fitness of both countries knew of this discrepancy long before the war began. I knew it in 1938, about 40 days before Munich. Upon questioning, I flatly told Beaverbrook, and several other British politicians, that the German Air Force was far stronger than the R.A.F. and that the German land army mechanization was preponderantly superior to their own. For this the British politicians, one and all, termed me 'pro-Nazi.'

"What could these political leaders have been thinking of, and how could they have been so unrealistically deluded into believing that by refusing to face facts, they could win a new war with outmoded weapons?

"One of the most frightful details in Gort's report was his statement that against 10 full armored German divisions, the British had but seven cavalry regiments equipped with light tanks, one regiment of armored cars, and two battalions of infantry tanks. I believe the British people will exact a heavy penalty from the politicians who dumped them into this disastrous war —unprepared. But who is going to tell the British people? . . ."

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So we have General Gort's confession that the British Expeditionary Force was insufficiently manned with trained soldiers, that the armored equipment was no match for the Germans, that aerial support was inadequate, that the heroic soldiers not only did not have sufficient ammunition, but not even enough food and water!

General Gort made it plain that these facts were known to London, but the suicidal orders continued to come. On October 21st an Associated Press story from London reported that "only 47 men returned to Britain from the epic defense of Calais by 3,000 British and 800 French soldiers . . . Brigadier C. Nicholson's five-day struggle preceded the retreat from Dunkirk . . . He is among the missing. The last message from his wireless transmitter came to Dover at 4:30 P.M. on the fourth day of the battle. It was a plea for more guns . . . After heavy fighting and bombardment, with the town in flames, the War Office sent Nicholson this message:

" 'Every hour you continue to exist is of the greatest help to the B.E.F. The government, therefore, decided that you must continue to fight. We have the greatest possible admiration for your splendid stand.' "

It was a suicide order! The men needed guns. They were fighting against tanks and dive-bombers with rifle-fire till the last round of ammunition! They had no hope of either help or victory!

It was a story of sacrifice and conscienceless slaughter—a story as old as England.

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The British War Office at London is a "power-house" for stooges of the international *clique* who control the British Empire.

They knew the fighting men did not have food, water or equipment. Yet they ordered these brave soldiers of the empire "to continue to fight." at the bidding of their Satanic masters.

These same internationalists control the press and British broadcasting facilities. The English people, even yet, do not fully realize the sinister powers operating above all nationality, who will sacrifice brave men of any country without pity to preserve their gold, their ill-gotten exploitation areas and their heartless lust for world control.

Analyzing the situation a step further, it becomes obvious even to a dullard that all this step-by-step bungling—this amazing unity of deception, internal sabotage, and gross incompetence in the leaders of Britain, France and even of the United States —is not an accident. It is, rather, indicative of a central directing influence—a World Government group, if you will—that has planned it that way!

Reward for Service

HIGH HONORS have come to Britain's No. 1 economist and America's No. 1 financial advisor, Prof. John Maynard Keynes.

Bank of England shareholders have reportedly elected him to the Board of Directors to succeed the late Lord Stamp.

Orthodox old-time financier, Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, played a sly trick. He accepted his opposition ex-Cassandra Keynes, personal braintruster and trust buster, for ex-Cassandra Winston Churchill.

Keynes has forced Churchill to adopt many of his radical monetary theories, notably compulsory savings for all citizens.

Keynes has succeeded in convincing Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal Administration that the United States of America must bring its wartime finances into line with England's unorthodox finance, despite the fact that America also underwrites the cost of the war.

Keynes is suposed to be the man behind America's crazy finances — spending for prosperity, revaluation of gold, confiscation of privately-owned gold, remonetization of gold and silver, use of the secret Stabilization Fund, defense bonds and stamps, restricted spending and compulsory saving.

This "national suicide" policy is not by chance or coincidence.

England was sabotaged from within.

France was sabotaged from within.

Will the people of America ever be able to pierce the sham of propaganda and the smoke-screen of deception, in time to refuse to go into a war of national suicide as totally unprepared?

Wily Churchill

WINSTON CHURCHILL is no man's fool. He has proven himself clever enough to bring about a Union Now policy between the United States and Britain.

In truth, this policy has not been advertised as consummated. It's something like our war in that it exists although it is not declared.

It was Churchill who was responsible for the *Lend-Lease Bill*.

It was Churchill who was responsible for our committing warlike acts contrary to the *Neutrality Law*.

It was Churchill who was responsible for Mr. Roosevelt's all-out aid to Britain — to the same British Empire that, *de facto*, is not all-out for Britain itself.

Britain is doing mighty little to stop Hitler now. She has 3-million soldiers busied eating American groceries behind the chalk cliffs of Dover.

She has 45-million English citizens enjoying our cheese, clothing and fuel.

Churchill has succeeded in extending the W.P.A. to the tight little isle. Meanwhile, he watches Germany clean up Europe and crush the Russian hordes. He watches Roosevelt upset America to place our country on a war program. He goes so far as to tell Uncle Sam that he must not start a fracas in the Pacific because the Battle of the Atlantic is too important.

And he's the premier of His Majesty's government, which numbers 500-million subjects who are doing little more in their war effort than wear out the seats of their pants compared to what the United States is expected to do.

There are not 500-million citizens in the British Empire; for there is no such animal as a "British citizen." But there are British subjects, 300-million of whom in India are considered little better than hewers of wood and drawers of water.

One must hand it to Winston Churchill. In less than three years he has succeeded in winding Franklin D. Roosevelt around that great thumb which, a few years ago, intervened between his nose and the United States.

Churchill is all-out for England. His empire is facing the third Winter of what we are told is a fight for its existence. As yet, it has not mustered its resources.

Commenting upon the Churchill-Roosevelt Atlantic rendezvous, the *Chicago Tribune* (Oct. 31) said:

"There is a screwball in these contradictions and it would be at least interesting to identify him. Narrowing the choice down, it's either Mr. Churchill or Mr. Roosevelt. On no other evidence than the battleship pictures of the great sea rendezvous, showing the steel trap jaws of Mr. Churchill as he looked at Mr. Roosevelt and the giddy smile on Mr. Roosevelt's face as he looked at Mr. Churchill, the verdict of the jury would be that the screwball is not the British Prime Minister."

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The All-Aid-to-Russia Dispute

WITH THEIR backs to the wall, members of a small group of Catholic clergymen are attempting to put an ecclesiastical benediction upon all aid to Russia.

Several stumbling blocks are in their way. The first and most important is the statement of Pope Pius XI on *"Atheistic Communism,"* which reads: "Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever."

The second stumbling block is the recent vote of the Catholic priesthood of America.

In this small group, representing fewer than 10 per cent of the Catholic priesthood, there are many prominent personages among whom are Archbishop McNicholas of Cincinnati, Archbishop Mooney (reflected in the columns of the *Michigan Catholic*) of Detroit and Msgr. Fulton Sheen of the Catholic University.

Recently the *Michigan Catholic* cast aspersions upon the vote registered by 90 per cent of those priests who participated in the Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace poll.

As we remember, the question presented to the clergy by the Committee for Peace read: "Are you in favor of the United States aiding the communistic Russian government?"

Throwing aside this question as he would last week's soiled socks, the editor of the *Michigan Catholic* said it should be classified with such questions as: "Have you stopped beating your wife yet?"

Evidently, the opinion of 90 per cent of the Catholic priests of America doesn't weigh very heavily with that diocesan newspaper.

Here is what *America*, the national Jesuit weekly, has to say on the poll of the clergy:

"There is every reason to believe that the poll of the clergy taken by the Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace was impartially and honestly handled. 34,616 double postcards were addressed, during the period from September 20 to October 1, to all the priests in the United States. These were sent from the office of the *Catholic Directory*, in the ordinary business routine. 13,155 answers were returned to the office of a Certified Public Accountant, who duly counted and tabulated the votes. His report was dated October 6. Since then, additional returns have brought the total of answers received up to 40 per cent of the entire number of cards sent out.

"The Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace has no official Catholic standing whatsoever. In sending out the postcard ballots, it neither sought nor had any ecclesiastical approval. It represents a group of laymen who are Catholics. The chairman is Judge Herbert A. O'Brien, the secretary is William T. Leonard, both of Brooklyn. The Catholic Laymen's Committee claims a membership in forty States, but does not reveal the number of members. It denies that it is affiliated with the America First Committee, or with any other propaganda organization.

"The poll was undertaken, states the spokesman of the Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace, with the advice and cooperation of some priests. Many other clergymen who received the postcard ballots were vigorously opposed to such a poll of Catholic clerical opinion. They believed that the returns would not accurately reflect the views of the clergy and that the publication of such returns would be harmful to Catholicism. Many others objected vehemently to the statement of the two questions asked; and they pointed out that a simple yes or no answer would be most inadequate and misleading.

"With these facts stated, we may consider the report submitted by the Certified Public Accountant.

"The first question submitted to the priests was: 'Do you favor the United States engaging in a shooting war outside the Western Hemisphere?'

"The answers received were: Yes, 885; No, 12,038; Voids and not voting, 232.

"The second question was phrased: 'Are you in favor of the United States aiding the Communistic Russian Government?'

In answer, the votes read: Yes, 967; No, 11,860; Voids and not voting, 328.

"At the time the report was issued, 21,461 ballots had not been returned. This is not nearly so significant as the extraordinary fact that 40 per cent of the postcards were checked off and returned. Argument might be raised as to whether or not the totals as recorded accurately express the views of the Catholic clergy in the United States as to American involvement in a foreign war and American aid to the Soviet government. It is our opinion that the majority of the clergy would confirm the negative vote, but with clear distinctions as to the exact sense, and with a reduced percentage. Our own survey of opinion, gathered here and there, would indicate that Catholics, both lay and clerical, for the greater part, are opposed to war involvement and are wary of close co-operation with Soviet Russia, even in a material way."

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So far, so good. Now we come to the question: "Is there a real distinction between the communistic Russian government and the Russian people?"

We admit that there is a logical distinction. We do not admit that the New Deal Government and its abettors are directly concerned with aiding the Russian people while, at the same time, they are directly concerned with not aiding the Russian government.

For our argument we will quote the pro-aid-to-Russia *Michigan Catholic* which represents the minority. In its October 30th edition there appeared the following editorial:

"More on Aid to Russia

"We note with satisfaction that Archbishop McNicholas of Cincinnati in a recent pastoral letter to his people confirmed the stand which this paper adopted at the time when the question of 'aid to Russia' by our Government first began to confuse many of our Catholic people. Briefly, we held that from the viewpoint of moral principles, aid to Russia need not be opposed.

"Isolationists and some Catholic publicists had quickly seized on a partial quotation from the encyclical of Pope Pius XI on *Atheistic Communism*, where the Holy Father stated: 'Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever.'

"This quotation, ripped from its context, was supposed to settle the question definitely for Catholics. But it didn't. Archbishop McNicholas, in his pastoral letter, studies the context, especially the paragraph immediately preceding this quotation. From such study it is apparent that the Pontiff was speaking to the bishops of the Church, warning them that Communism would endeavor to secure their co-operation in humane works, works joining Catholics with Communists, in order to gain a foothold. It was to this particular infiltration that the Pope referred when he wrote the words quoted above, and went on to say: 'Those who permit themselves to be deceived into lending their aid towards the triumph of Communism in their own country will be the first to fall victims of their error.'

"The purpose of the United States Government in giving aid to Russia was expressed by Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles at the time the policy was announced. That purpose is to implement the national defense policy adopted by Congress of giving all possible material aid to any nation resisting rampant Nazi aggression. That purpose, as Mr. Welles explicitly stated, implied no sympathy with Communism at home or abroad. It did imply, however, a determination not to let Hitler draw the red herring of Communism across the trail of his conquest, a determination not to be taken in by his obviously dishonest call to a crusade against the Communism towards which he had been ideologically so complacent from August, 1939, until June, 1941. As long as our Government remains true to this program, its policy need not be opposed on moral grounds.

"We must, then, insist on detestation of the principles of Communism and we must abhor its works. We must be wise enough to mistrust Communists when they support our Government policy today just as much as we did when they opposed it up to June 22. But we must not allow the issue to be confused even by our justified and continuing detestation, abhorrence and mistrust of the Soviet regime ruthlessly imposed upon the Russian people, whose land with its rich resources is now being brought under the heel of a more powerful despot.

"From Archbishop McNicholas' timely clarification certain relevant points emerge. Confusion arose from a hasty reading of an important and carefully worded papal document. An inaccurate interpretation was heralded as an obviously pertinent principle in a current controversy. A short sentence from the Pope's encyclical was taken out of its context and made into a slogan that would set all faithful Catholics against our Government's policy. A complex question was thus summarily settled by the all too common process of over-simplification.

"No thinking man will condemn another merely for disagreeing with him. But it is proper to object when isolationists use a partial quotation from a papal encyclical, a quotation wrongly applied, in an attempt to convince Catholics and others that opposition to our Government's policy on the

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Russian question is based upon papal authority, and therefore, incumbent on every Catholic."

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Now, let's go back over this *Michigan Catholic* editorial. The first paragraph of the editorial expresses joy that the Archbishop of Cincinnati sides in with the opinion formerly expressed by the *Michigan Catholic*.

All people would side in with both the Archbishop and the *Michigan Catholic* were it a case of giving proper aid to Russia.

Our regret is that Americans did not think of giving spiritual aid to Russia until Russia became the ally of the New Deal and the British government in a war being fought not for spiritual ideals but for the retention of imperialism and international capitalism.

Aid to Russia is not opposed by SOCIAL JUSTICE if by aid we mean helping the Russian people to get rid of Josef Stalin and the atheistic commissars of Communism who hold control of Russia.

Bluntly, is that what the *Michigan Catholic* and Archbishop McNicholas mean? If so, we are with them. If not, we are not with them.

At the moment, Mr. Roosevelt and the New Deal Government have not given one inkling of aiding Russia the way we interpret aid should be given. On the contrary, our Government is aiding the Russian government. From the moment that Mr. Roosevelt recognized the government of bloody Joe Stalin to the present day, he never differentiated between the Russian people and the atheistic Communists who rule them. In fact, our Government has taken the same attitude expressed by the British government, namely, that it would form an alliance with Satan himself to procure the downfall of Hitler.

SOCIAL JUSTICE believes in aiding all people in all countries. That can't be said of the New Deal Government, which supported the Communist regime in Mexico and failed to come to the aid of the Mexican people whose properties and religion were trampled upon.

What aid did we give the Irish people in their battle against the old British-controlled Irish government?

Or, to be more current, what aid are we giving the German people?

Making no fine distinction between the German people and the German government, we permit ourselves to engage in partisanship of a detestable nature. We find ourselves straining at a logical gnat and swallowing a political camel in our effort to moralize the unconscionable program of all aid to the Russian government. Rationalize it how one wills, that is exactly what our New Deal Government is engaged in doing.

That conclusion is the conclusion accepted by the majority of American Catholics despite the pronouncement of certain members of the hierarchy. It will remain such until time brings a clear case of opposition to Stalin and every Stalinite inside Russia.

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As for the second paragraph of the *Michigan Catholic's* editorial, we recollect it deals chiefly with the quotation from Pius XI in which he states: "Communism is intrinsically wrong and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever."

No Catholic disputes the clear-cut words of Pius XI. Communism is just as intrinsically wrong as is murder or adultery. One cannot collaborate with Communism in any undertaking whatsoever—even in the undertaking of saving the British Empire; even in the undertaking of saving international capitalism.

Now Communism in itself is an abstract thing, as are murder and adultery. In the concrete, murder is not murder until a murder is perpetrated either in the mind or in fact. So, with Communism. It is not concrete Communism until it is put to work either in the mind or in the fact.

In 1848 when Karl Marx wrote his "*Das Kapital*," one could have said: "It is not permitted to entertain such thoughts as are expressed in that book."

In 1917 when the thoughts of "*Das Kapital*" were reduced to action, it should be said: "One is not permitted to condone such principles or participate in such practices."

Possibly, some of our "all aid to Russia" brethren failed to make that distinction; for Communism, as of today, is more than an abstract theory. It is a factual policy in operation in Soviet Russia.

However, it is not right for us to let our readers infer that Russia is Communism or Communism is Russia. The terms are not convertible. It is truthful, however, to say that Russia — composed of the Russian people plus the Soviet Russian government —practices Communism.

As far as we can ascertain, the Russian people seem to like Communism. They support Stalin and his one-party form of government. Ten million Russians fight vigorously in Stalin's army. Thirteen million Russians belong to atheistic societies stemming from Moscow. Forty-seven million Russians—at least—work in Russian factories and fields owned by the government, thereby gaining their livelihood.

In the above figures, which we believe are an underestimate, we have a fairly good representation of Russian people who want our help only on the basis that we will not interfere with their atheism, their communistically owned factories and fields and their Communist-led armies whose political bosses have expounded time and again their program of creating world revolution for the purpose of setting up Communism.

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In the third paragraph of the *Michigan Catholic* editorial, the editor says that Pius XI's statement ("Communism is intrinsically wrong," etc.) was ripped from its context. It was no more ripped from its context than would be, for example, a passage from the *Bible* which says, "Faith without good works is dead," or "Unless you believe and are baptized, you cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." Such passages are definitive or categorical. They remain true independent of context, as the editor of the *Michigan Catholic* very likely knows.

Concluding the *Michigan Catholic's* third paragraph, there is a quotation from Pius XI warning those against permitting themselves to be deceived into lending their aid to the triumph of Communism in their own country.

What has been the collaboration between the New Deal Government and Communists in America? Has the New Deal Government driven Communists from public office? No. Have New Deal officials refused to collaborate with Communists in America? No.

Similar questions can be asked almost *ad infinitum* about the attitude of the New Dealers towards the Communists from the time Mr. Roosevelt refused to repudiate the assistance of the Communists when he was running for office.

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The fourth paragraph of the *Michigan Catholic* editorial deigns to define the purpose our Government has in its policy of all out aid for Russia. According to Mr. Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State, our purpose in aiding Russia, according to the *Michigan Catholic*, boils down to "a determination not to let Hitler draw the red herring of Communism across the trail of his conquest, a determination not to be taken in by his obviously dishonest call to a crusade against the Communism towards which he had been ideologically so complacent from August, 1939, until June, 1941."

In other words, we are interested in helping Communist-dominated Russia not for the purpose of aiding the Russian people, but for the purpose of defeating Adolf Hitler.

True, Hitler showed a complacency towards communistic Russia from August, 1939, until June, 1941. But Britain's record and America's record out-strip Hitler's. Their complacency towards Communism dates from 1935 at least. Before Hitler succeeded in signing his pact with Stalin in August, 1939, both Britain and the United States attempted to do what Hitler did—and failed for the nonce.

At what time, since the New Deal came to office, has it fought Communism tooth and nail? It has failed to fight it at home either in the political arena or in the labor unions. It failed to fight it abroad either in Mexico, Spain, France or Russia. Its record has been a Red record, despite the soft-spoken words of Sumner Welles.

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The last three paragraphs of the *Michigan Catholic* editorial can be bulked together. As far as Russian land and its rich resources are being brought under the heel of a powerful despot, what about Finland? The Russian Communist government heeled Finland into the earth — and no protest arose from our Government. And we are confronted with the ignominious note from Sumner Welles' office to Finland to the effect that the only honest debtor of the United States, consisting of from four to five million souls, should stop shooting at the big bully aggressor of 190-million persons.

Neither Archbishop McNicholas nor the *Michigan Catholic* have added any clarification to the point at issue. Both stand opposed to the consensus of opinion expressed by 90 per cent of the Roman Catholic priests of America. Both stand opposed to the 80 per cent of the citizens of the

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United States who want no shooting war; for, by their blessing the all-aid-to-Russia support—a blessing which they squeeze out of a tortured Papal statement—they should recognize that their program calls for the arming of merchant ships and shedding of American blood in an undeclared war.

"No thinking man will condemn another merely for disagreeing with him," is the opening sentence of the last paragraph of the *Michigan Catholic* editorial.

We, with the great majority of Catholics and priests, differ. As far as we are concerned, we prefer to follow the deceased but immortal Pius XI in his definitive and categorical statement covering Communism rather than follow any single bishop or archbishop or editor of any diocesan newspaper. We think we have 90 per cent of the Catholic priesthood on our side. We think we have 80 per cent of the American people on our side. We may be wrong. But right or wrong, that is our stand.

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Apropos to all this, we invite Father Gillis, the eminent editor of the *Catholic World* to reprint his article entitled *"The Covenant with Hell."* This phrase, of course he lifted from the Prophet Isaias to describe the alliance of the United States with Josef Stalin—not with the Russian people, as the torturing logicians would have us believe.

In this month's *Catholic World*, Father Gillis writes a follow-up to his *"Covenant with Hell"* article. He says:

"We cannot make an alliance with the Russian people. We don't know what the Russian people think. They don't say. They are not allowed to say. Whatever alliances, compacts, commitments we make will be made with a gang of bandits, murderers, liars, conspirators against the civilization of the world, sworn enemies of religion. Not even President Roosevelt's statement that a man could go out on a street corner in Moscow and preach religion, alters the fact that the rulers of Russia are a *clique* of murderers. To make a covenant with them is to make a 'covenant with hell.' I hope that makes my meaning clear.

"If any one goes beyond my words and makes an inference that I think the Russian *people* 'outside of humanity' and 'beyond redemption' he makes a ridiculous, preposterous and heretical inference . . .

"If we enter into an alliance with Stalin and win, can we expect that Communists in America will make no demands upon us? If we win with the help of Stalin, shall we bow him out at the end of the war, 'double-cross' him and give him nothing? What do gangsters do when they are double-crossed at the 'divvy'? What will Stalin do? If we give him more land, will Communism expand in Europe and Asia? If not, why not? If not, who's going to stop it?"

To what Father Gillis says may we add a few remarks published by Father Paul Hanly Furfey, head of the Department of Sociology of the Catholic University of America.

In this month's *Catholic World* Father Furfey writes:

"The public loves to be fooled. Yes, but it can be a pretty expensive form of amusement. Particularly in the present crisis we need clear thinking, a willingness to face *all* the facts. This being the case, let us consider the relation of the Administration's policy to Russia. Let us take a glance to the left.

"It is a stubborn and undeniable fact, which the interventionists want us to overlook, that the collapse of Germany would mean a great triumph for Communism. This fact is so overwhelmingly important that it deserves to be considered in all its aspects. First of all it is quite evident that the victory of Russia would mean the restoration of the Russian boundaries of 1914. Finland, the Baltic States, and a good slice of Poland would be turned over to the Communists. Millions of Catholics and millions of other Christians would be abandoned to the most atheistic government on the face of the earth.

"There are some interventionists who contend that these conquests would be taken away from Stalin at the peace conference. A beautifully naive notion! All history testifies that nations which are both large and victorious do not give up their conquests after a war. A few years ago there were some who were innocent enough to believe that Russia desired no foreign territory; but this simple faith was rudely shattered in 1939 when Stalin began to seize all the countries in question one by one. Indeed it is probably too much to hope that Russia would be content after the war with even this increase in territory.

"Again, the collapse of Germany would leave Russia with the most powerful army in Europe. As this is being written (mid-October) the Communist forces are making a surprisingly strong resistance against Germany. They will probably be beaten ultimately, but they have already shown that Russia is not so far inferior to Germany in the mastery of the modern *techniques* of total war. In potential man power, of course, Russia outnumbers Germany by well over two to one. In the game of international politics force is the determining factor. After a Communist victory Stalin would hold all the aces . . .

"What would happen after the collapse of Germany in the present war? Perhaps a triumphant democracy would emerge from the chaos? That is the dream of some romanticists; but it overlooks one very significant fact. To seize political power there must be a pre-existing organization. Communists have such organizations everywhere, organizations excellently trained in the *technique* of revolution and directed very efficiently by experienced revolutionary leaders. A victorious Russian army from without and a disciplined Communist organization from within could exert an almost irresistible pressure on a country's government. Or have you forgotten how Hitler conquered Austria and Czecho-Slovakia? . . .

"Nor is it any defense to say that the President helps Russia reluctantly. It is a question of what he does, not of how he feels. Every American dollar is worth a hundred cents, even if it is given with tears in our eyes. The hard fact which remains when all is said and done is that our Government has elected to aid Russian Communism to survive by giving direct aid. Even one who favors all-out aid to Britain against a possible German invasion is not logically compelled to go *that* far! Haven't we enough confidence in God to believe that we can save democracy without a literal alliance with the devil? . . .

"It is much more difficult, however, to understand how upright, honest, intelligent Catholics can be fooled—even ecclesiastics. They have read the Encyclicals. They know that if the Pope has denounced Naziism he has denounced Communism in even stronger language. They know that one at least of the two great Axis powers has been more than tolerant of the Church. They know that if Hitler has persecuted Catholics he has been far exceeded in brutal excess by an outright war on God in Russia, in Mexico, in Spain. They know that if Nazi propaganda is insidious, Communist propaganda is, by the late Pope's own statement, 'so truly diabolical that the world has perhaps never witnessed its like before.' They have been warned by the same Pope that 'no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with (Communism) in any undertaking whatsoever.' When they saw the Spanish Loyalists with their Communist allies face to face with Franco and his German and Italian allies, they favored the latter because they knew that Communism was by far the more sinister danger. They didn't forget to glance to the left.

"Yet these same good people are duped by war propaganda as readily as the uncritical and uneducated man in the street. When the President bids them to fear Naziism they shiver in their boots as though the Atlantic Ocean were as narrow as the English channel.

"When the President tells them to help Russia they give him their benediction and bring out their aluminum pots and pans so that they may be beaten into airplanes to help Stalin save democracy.

"When the President forgets his pledges and commits the country to a warlike course, they generously hasten forward ready to sacrifice their fellow citizens' lives without counting the cost, in the sacred cause of England—and Stalin.

"Are these our Catholic leaders? For myself I prefer to believe that the Pope meant exactly what he said when he told us not to collaborate with Communists 'in any undertaking whatsoever'."

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Archbishop McNicholas, whose pastoral letter the *Michigan Catholic* applauds, says something about this being a war of defense. Does His Excellency mean that Russia is engaged in a defensive war, or that America is engaged in a defensive war? We do not know.

If he means that Russia is engaged in a defensive war, may we remind His Excellency that Europe was engaged in a defensive war against the Russian government since 1917; that His Late Holiness, Pius XI, warned the world that Communism was bending every effort to spread its cancer into every capital.

Months before Germany waged war against Russia, Russia was engaged in waging war against Finland, Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania. And, like a buzzard, Russia swooped down upon prostrate Poland to devour her remains.

Russia is no more engaged in a defensive war than is a thief caught in a house he is trying to rob.

Perhaps, His Excellency means that the United States is engaged in a defensive war. Well, the less said about that, the better.

We are engaged in a war of empire; a war to defend empire; a war to extend empire;

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a war to preserve the iniquities represented in India and elsewhere.

Perhaps, there are some ecclesiastics who maintain that the British Empire has been kind to Catholic missionaries. Perhaps, they fear that Hitler will be unkind to them.

Do we still regard the King of England and the Emperor of India as the *defensor fidei*? God help the Catholic people in days to come if its defense depends upon British imperialism and if its executives have lost faith in God's power!

Archbishop McNicholas, by the way, forgot to indict in his pastoral letter international capitalism which, by and large, played an important part in generating both Communism and the Naziism which followed it.

All in all, this controversy about all aid to Russia, now come to the boiling point inside the ranks of Catholic clergymen, will do no good for the Church.

This we know. Possibly, more letters come to our editorial desk than to any four or five combined Catholic publications in the United States of America. At least 90 per cent of these letters are from Catholics; many of them from priests. We think we know something of the pulse of Catholic America. We think we recognize danger signs when we see them. Basing our judgment upon these communications, we are of the opinion that the "all aid for Russia" ecclesiastics are inviting the lightning flashes upon themselves in more ways than one; for it is repeated in letter after letter that our "all aid for Russia" clerics are more concerned in appeasing and compromising with the New Deal Government than they are in facing facts, as Father Paul Furfey would put it.

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And in conclusion, let the "all aid to Russia" proponents consider the fine distinction their champion, Mr. Roosevelt, makes between the Russian people and the Russian government.

Embarrassing those who would set up such a distinction in moralizing our aid to Russia, the President of the United States — Thursday, November 6 — sent a warm message of felicitation to the present Russian government in which he had the very bad taste to congratulate the said government on the occasion of the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. As if to seal his intentions, he accompanied his felicitations with a loan of $1-billion to the Stalin government and a contract for repayment to begin five years following the World War.

Congratulating the Bolshevik Revolution! That is tantamount to applauding the establishment of the first atheistic government in the world, the slaughter of millions of Christians because they were Christians, the well known plans to destroy all religion and to subvert the entire world. These are not secret plans, secret maps or secret happenings. They are well known to all—much to the chagrin of those who still persist in misinterpreting the motives of the New Deal Government.

One Year Ago, and Now

"SADDENED as it is by the sinking of the destroyer *Reuben James*, the nation nevertheless is not surprised," observes an editorial in the *Lowell Sun* of Lowell, Mass.

The editor continues:

"Last Monday, President Roosevelt said that the shooting had started. The people of the nation were not asked their opinion on the matter. Their representatives in Congress were not permitted to vote on the question.

"All of us were just told by Mr. Roosevelt that the shooting had started.

"The sinking of the *Reuben James* is a natural consequence of the shooting. Were it not for Mr. Roosevelt, the *Reuben James* would not today be at the bottom of the Atlantic ocean, and tears would not today be flowing in many American homes.

"During the past two years Mr. Roosevelt has over and over again repeated that everything he did that might have seemed warlike was in reality an attempt to keep the war from engulfing us.

"Those who challenged him were nailed to the mast with such slurring phrases as, 'pro-Nazi, anti-British, un-American, unpatriotic,' etc.

"Who was right?

"A few days before he was elected for a third term, Mr. Roosevelt last year made the following promise at Boston: 'And while I am talking to you mothers and fathers I give you this one more assurance. I have said this before and I shall say it again and again. Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars.'

"How must the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, of the boys that were on the *Kearny* and *Reuben James* feel as they recall Mr. Roosevelt's solemn pledge of October 31, 1940, one year ago last night!"

It's Case of Japan Against the World

JAPANESE military statesmen seated about their conference table in their strange, closely-knit island empire, face a world so hostile that the ambitious expansion program of the Nipponese may never materialize.

Across the waters to the westward, in the Orient, lies vast, sprawling China. It is populous, wise and venerably old. There, the Japanese are hated thoroughly. It will take many generations of the "benefits of Japanese progress" for this hate to vanish. Nothing but the blood of the Japanese aggressors will satisfy the present Chinese impulse for revenge.

North of China, is Asiatic Russia whose European complement is being battered to a bloody pulp by the Nazi *blitz* machine.

Tokio feels that Japan's life as a great power depends upon further acquisition of Soviet Russia's dominions in Asia.

The Japanese, therefore, must be resigned to incurring the enmity of Soviet Russia for years to come, if they grab more land in Siberia while Nazi Germany threatens the very existence of Russia in Europe and Asia Minor.

Then, there is some doubt whether Germany, fighting for the same general principles in the West as Japan in the East, will remain an ally or a dependable friend.

Friendship pacts mean as little to the Nazis as they do to the Reds of Communist Russia; or, for that matter, to the British Empire.

What is more, the Germans have an old score to settle with the Orientals. In the World War, they remember, Japan turned on Germany and joined the Allies in driving Germany out of the Orient, stripping the Reich of colonies and dependencies.

If the Nazi military machine knocks out Soviet Russia, a highroad will be established for Germany's march to the Near and the Far East. Conceivably, the Germans would then help China resist further encroachment from Japan, which is Germany's only potential rival in the Far East.

Ousting Japan from China, and gaining dominance of that rich area, might be far more profitable to Germany than helping the Japanese to establish hegemony in the Orient.

Rounding out the list of Japan's obstacles, are Britain and the United States, both of whom have been alienated by Japan's aggressive policies.

Thus, Japan stands alone. No matter who wins the European war, Japanese aggression and conquests will not be condoned, or forgotten.

Should Japan decide to cast its lot with Germany, by attacking Russia on the eastern front, the empire of the Mikado will immediately be set upon by Great Britain and the United States who are best able to fight in Japan's most vital sphere of influence—the sea.

There is scarcely a doubt about the outcome of such an encounter. Japan would be quickly reduced to the category of a second-rate power, to climb from which she has already sacrificed much.

Unlike every other nation, Japan has no racial or cultural links to neighboring countries; and, being an island empire, she has no other refuge to which she can beat a strategic retreat.

For Christian Co-operation

MODERN capitalism cannot "pull us out of the mess" because it is dying and will have to be supplanted by some other kind of system, declares the Rev. Urban Baer, editor of the *Christian Farmer*, in a recent editorial in his Wisconsin publication.

A well organized, intelligently directed, Christian co-operative movement could be made to replace the outmoded system of moribund capitalism, Father Baer believes.

"It has always been my contention," the editorial continues, "that our capitalistic system will not be able to stand the shock of another World War or its equivalent.

"Whether modern capitalism realizes it or not, capitalism, as we know it, is digging its own grave before our very eyes.

"The question is what kind of an economic system will take the place of modern plutocratic capitalism?

"We hope and pray that modern capitalism will not be supplanted by Communism, Fascism, Naziism, or Militarism."

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Radio Closed to America First!

AN EDITORIAL in the *New York Daily News* scores the privately-owned radio monopoly for denying broadcast time to talks of American patriots pleading for an honest nationalism and for peace.

The America First rally at Madison Square Garden was barred from the air by the same powerful little group which silenced Father Coughlin. Noisy elements of these people even tried to prevent the meeting being held at all.

Says the *New York Daily News*:

"The America First Committee is putting on a mass meeting tonight at Madison Square Garden, N.Y.C. (doors open 6 p.m.; 11,000 free seats), at which three men of high news value are scheduled to speak against U. S. entry into the European war. The three men are Charles A. Lindbergh, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.), and John Cudahy, ex-Ambassador to Belgium.

"This meeting has been denied satisfactory time on national radio networks by the three big broadcasting systems, Columbia, Mutual and National. Mutual and National offered some time snatches which would not fit in with the program; Columbia was quoted as saying: 'We know of no reason why Col. Lindbergh should have a nationwide network every time he speaks. Certainly we do not intend to provide one just because tactics of hullabaloo and threats are used against us.'

"Columbia, incidentally, broadcasts every morning the most unabashed propaganda for war. We refer to its news program, 'The World Today.'

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"Who are these men that have been cut off the major networks?" the editorial continues.

"Col. Lindbergh is one of the most picturesque men in American private life. In 1927 he flew solo to Paris. Later he married Anne Morrow, daughter of Dwight W. Morrow, one of the country's more important and intelligent millionaires. She turned out to be a brilliant writer, as witness her books *'Listen! the Wind,' 'North to the Orient'* and *'The Wave of the Future.'* Together the couple mapped worldwide air routes. There was the tragedy of the kidnap-murder of their first child, followed by the sensational capture, trial and execution of the guilty man.

"Lindbergh, feeling himself harassed by newspapers, including this one, moved to England. He later toured Russia and Germany, and told the British that the German air force was by far the world's most formidable—for saying which he was called almost a traitor, though we never could make out what or whom he was supposed to have betrayed.

"Lindbergh is news. Certainly a great many people consider him bad news; but nevertheless, what he says and does at this time is of news interest. To silence him is not good news judgment.

"And then there is Senator Wheeler. Here is a member of the Legislative branch of our Government—one of its half-dozen or so best known and most widely respected members. Is he kept off the air just because he disagrees with the war party?

"John Cudahy, ex-Ambassador to Belgium, has recently been to Germany and talked with Hitler himself. Cudahy might reasonably be expected to have some things to say of interest to the American people.

"When the big radio chains bar these men from the air because they are anti-war, we think they are guilty of bad reporting.

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"Of course, the Government, through the Federal Communications Commission, has the licensing power over the radio chains, meaning it has the power of life and death over them. A mere hint from official circles should be enough to insure the war party plenty of the best radio time and the peace party the leavings or none at all.

"Congress has been shoved aside by a President who, taking the choicest radio time whenever he wants it, has now calmly announced that he has given shooting orders to the Navy, that the shooting has begun, and that only the firing of the last shot will count in history.

"We think Congress should demand time on the air for its own debates; and that a reasonable division of this time should be arranged between the war party and the peace party. The people are entitled to hear Congress argue the question whether we shall mind our own business or throw our boys, our substance and our money into the fire engulfing Europe and much of Asia and Africa. Congress is entitled to be heard, even though the President makes the big decisions and Congress lacks the courage to object.

"Well, though you can't hear tonight's America First speeches, you can read about them tomorrow in this and other newspapers. The press hasn't been silenced yet. Maybe soon."

Birkhead Takes Credit

A LITTLE less than $10,000 given him by the motion picture division of the "Friends of Democracy" was necessary "to get Father Coughlin off the air," L. M. Birkhead, national director, told 50 members of his organization at a New York luncheon the other day.

Dr. Birkhead asked his stooges to kick with another $10,000 for a publicity campaign to brand Charles A. Lindbergh as "a Nazi."

Without going into details in the case of Father Coughlin, "Birkie" explained that he *"went directly to the priest's superiors in the Catholic Church* to argue for discontinuance of Father Coughlin's broadcasts."

And the *New York Times* account reports:

"Dr. Birkhead also assumed full responsibility for 'halting the political careers of two other pro-Nazis.' He said he meant Joseph McWilliams of this city and the Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, who sought the Republican nomination as candidate for United States Senator from Kansas."

The Friends of Democracy had to break through a union picket line in order to attend their luncheon at the restaurant.

Far be it from SOCIAL JUSTICE to take any credit away from Birkhead who wants another $10,000 where the first "take" came from, but we can hardly believe that this little pee-wee preacher of fan dance and feathers notoriety, threw such a scare into the Catholic hierarchy that the Church superiors put the *quietus* on their own Priest of the Radio.

Of course, we wouldn't know. "Birkie" has the advantage of us. He says he was there.

Mr. Cudahy Describes Hitler

MR. JOHN CUDAHY, former U. S. ambassador to Belgium, recently gave the Senate an account of his interview with Adolf Hitler.

"When I had this famous interview with Hitler some four months ago," he told the Foreign Relations Committee, "I put up to him first of all, because it was of great interest to the American people at the time, the question of convoys.

"I had always been told that Hitler was a great ranter and raver; and there was one story going the rounds, and quite authentic, that in one of his rages he fell on the floor and started chewing a rug; but I found him in this interview very calm and composed and very lucid in his mental processes.

"He told me about convoys very quietly, 'You know as well as I do that convoys mean war.' So I asked him about the legal precedents of the situation.

"He said, 'Why, your nation and the British *have set the legal precedents*—why ask me about that?'

"The attitude of the German people toward this war," Mr. Cudahy added, "is a very unique one. They have no enthusiasm whatever. They are apathetic. Yet they fear peace. They fear a peace of vengeance that will be even worse than the *Treaty of Versailles*, and so they will go on and on, indefinitely . . ."

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Perhaps this is an appropriate place to reiterate the opposition that SOCIAL JUSTICE steadfastly entertains, not only to British imperialism and Russian Communism, but, also, to Marxian Naziism.

Isn't it about time that we Americans learned to go all out for the United States of America, instead of all in for any of the foreign "isms"—including British imperialism?

That's Right

"THE EFFECTIVE maintenance of American neutrality depends today, as in the past, on the wisdom and determination of whoever at the moment occupy the offices of President and Secretary of State . . .

"Industrial and agricultural production for a war market may give immense fortunes to a few men; for the nation as a whole it produces disaster."
—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Aug. 14, 1936

Comment

Danger to America Is from Within

THAT mass meeting at Madison Square Garden is no longer news. But it is important history. Perhaps not the least historic was the arbitrary radio ban on patriotic peace advocacy which the pro-war controllers of privately-owned radio monopoly have imposed.

Yesterday, it was Father Coughlin who fell victim to this radio ban.

Today, it is 80 per cent of American people with the will to peace, whose spokesmen are denied the use of broadcast facilities, while, in a ratio of 20 to 1, these facilities are freely given over to the Hitler-haters and the war-criers.

Democracy never sustained a keener blow. And the hand which held the dagger for this stab in the back of democratic processes was the hand of those who make the most noise about "democracy."

So, once more, the nation—and particularly the people of New York City—have isolated and identified the real war makers and the real foes of this democratic Republic.

As former Colonel Lindbergh said most truly in his address:

"As Americans, we never have, and as Americans we never will, fear any foreign enemy, either in commerce or war. There is no danger to this nation from without. *Our only danger lies from within!*"

And, in this case, it is the very critics of Mr. Lindbergh who established the truth of his remarks.

In the absence of radio reports of the speeches of Col. Lindbergh, Senator Wheeler, former Ambassador Cudahy and Mr. John Flynn, those not able to attend the America First meeting had to be content with inadequate newspaper reports. According to the *New York Times*—which no one will accuse of being partisan in the interest of the peace-makers—some 20,000 persons heard the talks inside and an estimated 8,000 stood outside the Garden. These figures will have to be accepted as conservative; they're probably much larger.

The meeting, as we've said, is no longer news, but some of the high points of these talks ought to be preserved "for the record." We shall do this very briefly, lifting these significant remarks out of the context of Mr. Lindbergh's address:

"Now, after two years of war, we are in a better position to judge the policies that were followed by England and France. We are in a better position to judge who was right, and who was wrong.

"Those who said Germany was 'bluffing' were mistaken. Those who said that a navy was more than a match for an air force were wrong. Those who promised to aid Poland if she fought misled her, as they misled every other country that took their side.

"The idealists who shouted so glibly that war must be declared on Germany in order to preserve European civilization, sent thousands of the finest men of France and England to defeat and death. They now find themselves allied with Soviet Russia, *and they have seen European civilization collapsing with every day of the war.*

"Hardly a promise that was made to the peoples of France and England when this war began has survived the test of two years of struggle . . .

"In view of what has taken place in these last two years, I believe that those of us who opposed a declaration of war by England and France have been justified in our stand.

"If Germany had been permitted to throw her armies eastward against Russia in 1939, instead of 1941, the picture of Europe would be far different today. Whether or not Germany would have turned West after conquering Russia is debatable. But, even if she had done so, a weaker Germany would have faced a stronger England and France."

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"We are a nation of mixed races, of mixed religions, of mixed creeds. In the space of a few generations this country has changed from a wilderness to the greatest industrial nation on earth. With this mixture of ideologies, with this new environment of life, we are struggling to build a new civilization in a new world.

"Surrounded by burning problems of economic and social adjustment, we are trying to create here in America the type of civilization of which our forefathers dreamed — a civilization that turns to a higher purpose the energy that Europe has always wasted upon war."

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"I appeal to all Americans," Mr. Lindbergh concluded, "no matter what their viewpoint on the war may be, to unite behind the demand for a leadership in Washington that stands squarely upon American traditions—a leadership of integrity instead of subterfuge, of openness instead of secrecy; a leadership that demonstrates its Americanism by taking the American people into its confidence!"

Is that, we can't help asking, the manner or the speech of a "copperhead" or a "pro-Nazi" or a "traitor" to America?

Once more, we are compelled to observe that those who indulge in these smear terms are themselves the most suspect.

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And Senator Wheeler's address added:

"Because Col. Lindbergh, John Cudahy and myself tonight stand *just where President Roosevelt stood exactly one year ago*, some persons in New York, not believing in democracy and free speech, and in typical Hitler fashion, would deny us the right to speak.

"Because the present administration and its camp followers smear all those who oppose American participation in a foreign war, many Americans lack the courage to be Americans.

"On three occasions," the Senator continued, "I have made extended trips through Europe. In 1923, I saw the tyranny of Mussolini in Italy. In 1930, I saw the ruthless brutality of Stalin in Russia. In 1936, I saw the unspeakable despotism of Hitler in Germany.

"I talked to Russians. I listened to Italians—and Germans whispered their hatred of Nazi oppression and persecution to me. But Russians, Germans and Italians were afraid to speak out, to stand up for what they believed.

"Russians feared the salt mines of Siberia. Italians feared the castor oil treatment of Mussolini. And Germans feared Hitler's concentration camps—even as many Americans fear the economic, political and social power of the Roosevelt administration and the war-mongers.

"When Germans told me they hated Naziism, I shamed them for not denouncing Hitler and all he symbolized.

"Never, never, did I think that there would come a day in this Republic — in these United States of America—when free Americans would lack the courage to stand up and to speak out for what they believed.

"But, today, as I travel from city to city —in California, Illinois, Massachusetts and in New York—business men, workers, professional men, farmers, people from every walk of life, shake my hand. They say, 'Keep up the fight, we are with you, but we have a defense contract. Or, we work on the W.P.A. Or, we receive farm benefit payments. Or, we fear the American *gestapo!* Or, my boss is an interventionist. Or, we would be ostracised socially!'

"Our forefathers dumped the tea in Boston harbor, endured Valley Forge, faced Lord Howe and his redcoat mercenaries, and shed their blood up and down the Atlantic seaboard that you and I might live in a Constitutional democracy.

"Are we worthy of their heritage?"

Don't Be a Procrastinator

MANY of you have read this column every week for the past month.

Many have seriously considered selling SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Many have in mind the name of an energetic boy or girl who are in the market for just such an opportunity to sell.

It is to those we write today.

Most gratifying results have redounded from our previous appeals. Still — the demand is greater than our source of supply.

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Thinking Woman Exposes War Farce

TO THE EDITOR:

We women make no pretense of being military experts, nor naval strategists, but many of us are intelligent and can think. Where is the logic in the following—

Russia had the largest army in the world and the most man-power. Recent events proved that this army was the best equipped in air strength, in mechanized equipment and in determination to fight, of any country so far attacked. Yet while the vast army was still intact, communication lines open, and supplies available from home stores on their own soil, they were unable to hold off the Nazi war machine and are still retreating.

Now, after losing millions of men, pilots, planes, machines and supplies, and surrendering perhaps 50 per cent of the areas producing raw materials and industrial equipment, how can the United States—or the United States aided by the usual empty British promises—supply materials for a Russian "victory"?

Any such materials must first be produced, then shipped thousands of miles over hazardous seaways and then more thousands of miles by poor rail service before reaching the remnants of the Russian armies.

If the original superior armies were unable to defend them, how can these demoralized remnants do so under these conditions?

Yet our all-wise Administration, and its peculiar "advisers," continue to vote more billions of gift money to such a hopeless cause.

How much longer can the farce continue?

If the British cannot take the offensive now—(or are a party to some secret pledge not to)—when can they begin to win the war?

If the U.S.A. is still dependent on the British navy and "cannot defend this country against Hitler," the would-be conquerer of the world because he once said so in a book (and we can't believe Hitler), how can we hope to go out and defeat him 3,000 miles away from our home base of supply, while policing all the oceans, and protecting the British empire on three continents?

Who is looking after the *interests of the United States?*

Isn't it about time that we women were not only thinking but acting to save the Republic of the United States, and all that is best in the American way of life?

How much longer must we depend upon some one man, and his questionable advisers, to do our thinking for us?

Decatur, Illinois —E.M.R.

1944 Long Way Off

TO THE EDITOR:

The election of 1944 is a long way off. France was destroyed in less time than that.

The people of America have a greater battle here at home than all the battles of Europe, if they ever expect their liberties to continue as they have in the past.

Do the American people yet see no comparison with Soviet Russia in our Government-owned homes, food stamps, in telling how much of the money we earn and is paid to us we shall be permitted to keep?

The farmers are told what kind of food they can grow and how much.

A bill is now pending to tell the employer how much he can pay for a man's work and no more.

Officially, we are told one thing today and another thing is done tomorrow.

When a political official takes an oath to uphold the *Constitution* of the United States and then deliberately tries to destroy the *Constitution,* it is time to destroy his dangerous power by getting rid of him and his rubber-stamp supporters at once—or, at least, in the next election.

Buffalo, N. Y. —C.F.W.

Remember Greece!

TO THE EDITOR:

Although more than a year has elapsed since he received it, when will Mr. Roosevelt ever make public the letter he had from King Leopold of Belgium, in which the Belgian leader explained his course of action?

I have watched in vain for its appearance in the public press. Why cannot SOCIAL JUSTICE make inquiries as to this letter?

Also, why can't you publish the deadly parallel between Roosevelt and Pericles—Alcibiades advising the latter, his uncle, to *"start a foreign war and thus make the people forget your expenditure of public money"?*

And Pericles did start such a war and so the people did forget the expenditures and, like us, rushed into war.

Boston, Mass. —C.A.S.

Britannia Still Rules Waves

TO THE EDITOR:

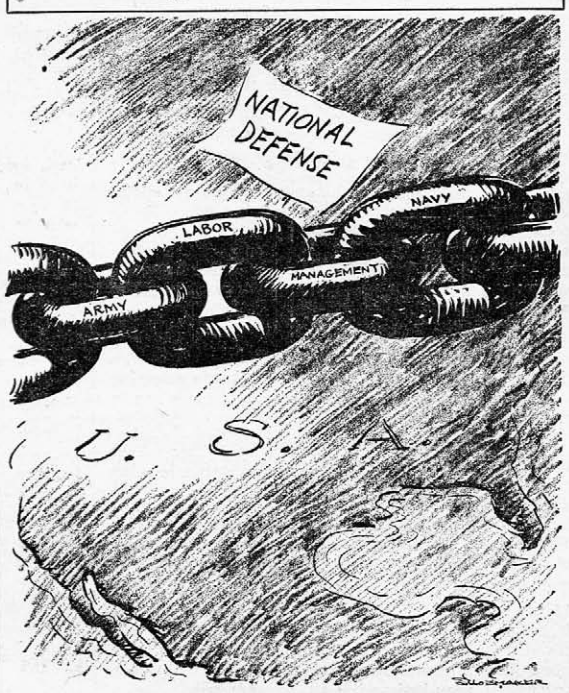
We are interested in sending back to her husband and family in Germany a German woman who is a citizen of Germany. After securing the necessary information as to the United States *visas* and recommendations necessary for her to secure passage, the following paragraph was included in the "requirements":

"Shortly before sailing it is necessary for us to submit her name as a passenger to the British Consulate and in event they do not grant the *navicert* approval she, of course, will be unable to take passage."

Now where is this freedom of the seas that Mr. Roosevelt talks about fighting for?

Philadelphia, Pa. —H.E.S.

No Stronger than Weakest Link



—From the Chicago Daily News.

Christians Who Fail

TO THE EDITOR:

The great expounder of the "four freedoms" seems not to be wasting any time providing his administration with an American *"gestapo,"* or better, perhaps, an "OGPU" and an army, if necessary, to back it up.

Passing time is all in their favor; half-hearted organizing on the people's part plays directly into their hands. Speech-making meetings are becoming a joke in Washington, and what they call "writing and appealing" programs as well.

I sincerely hope that somewhere something more effective than all this is getting under way. If not then I fear that God will leave us to reap the bitter fruits of our sins of omission.

We call ourselves Christian and we contribute to the support of God's enemies: more than that, we advocate it. Citizens, living under the most noble form of government ever achieved by man, we are standing by, unaware or unable to prevent its distortion and probable destruction.

Some, perhaps, fear for their lives or their jobs, others the loss of their material possessions. We call ourselves Christians (i.e. followers of Christ) while we disregard both His teachings and His example. Christians of another day took up the sword and drove back the infidel; we of this day advocate a compact with the infidels.

SOCIAL JUSTICE has given us the warning, and the inspiration, may God in His great mercy give us, somewhere, the leadership.

Louisville, Kentucky —H.G.D.

Keep Up Your Letters!

TO THE EDITOR:

I believe the people of the United States are in full accord with the President when it comes to defending American lives and ships on the high seas—provided, our people and ships are lawfully in waters that can be termed our defense areas. But the U.S.A. certainly should not undertake to "keep open our line of supplies to the enemies of Hitler" whoever and wherever they are in all the world.

If our Government thinks the people will go along with an aggressive war program of shooting at the Axis in combat zones, I think the Administration and its advisors have miscalculated the gullibility of the American people.

Please urge all our readers to keep up their writing, every week if necessary. Insist that they demand—

(1) That all American ships and people be ordered and kept out of the war zones, as the strongest possible safeguard against our involvement in the war;

(2) That Congress revive and maintain our Constitutional Government, so that the people will continue to have representation through the voice of their Congressmen; and

(3) That there be waged no "undeclared war."

Philadelphia, Pa. —T.J.D.

Letters

Send Christian Christmas Cards

TO THE EDITOR:

The approach of Christmas should remind us to send religious greeting cards only. Any other kind is not really a "Christmas card."

If a visitor from Mars could have a look at some types commonly displayed—and the dealers say they are in greater demand than the religious cards—the celestial guest would never suspect that a Saviour of mankind had ever been born into the world.

The fact that so many persons, including good Christians, send such cards shows that they have forgotten the true purpose of our holiday celebration.

—G.R.W.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Petitions for Lindbergh

TO THE EDITOR:

Several articles have appeared from time to time in sources hostile to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, predicting his return to Minnesota to file for the U.S. Senatorship—the idea probably being to label the prophet as just another political office-seeker.

Some of us up here believe, however, that it would be good strategy to take advantage of the idea intended to harm, by circulating petitions praising his great work and inviting the young man to return to our state.

Petitions now being circulated read as follows:

"Col. Charles A. Lindbergh,
"America First Headquarters,
"Chicago, Illinois.
"Dear Sir:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Minnesota of voting age, appreciate the courageous, patriotic work you have been doing, and we invite you to return to our state to lead us in a fight against un-American trends in our state, national governments in the coming 1942 campaign."

Minnesota readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE understand the importance of Lindbergh. The "smearing" is being done now, hence the importance of counter-expression of popular faith.

The war crowd hereabouts is about as active politically as it would normally be in the midst of a formal campaign, the major objectives being the breaking down of our patriotic Congressional delegation and the election of a New Deal Senator.

—A.B.G.

Mound, Minn.

Cubans Learned

TO THE EDITOR:

Article II, Section 1, of the *Constitution* reads: "The Executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the terms of four years, etc., etc."

Now note that the government of Cuba, whose first constitution was modeled upon our own, after the infamous Machado regime of blood and murder after having got rid of the *Platt Amendment*, drew up a new constitution which read that the president of the Cuban Republic "shall not succeed himself."

The insertion of those five words in our own *Constitution* would have made impossible—or at least more difficult—the present situation which threatens the life of our own Republic.

The peril might even call for a Constitutional convention to remedy the omission.

—F.C.E.

Waterbury, Conn.

It's the Same Gang

TO THE EDITOR:

In April, 1914, while Obregon was fighting in the interests of Carranza, he captured the city of Guadlajara, Mexico, and made an attack upon the Catholic church. He quartered his troops in the cathedral, tore down the sacred images and set up some naked women in their places!

He imprisoned the clergy, including the Bishop, whose automobile he seized for his own use, and committed every conceivable outrage on the people of that city, making a special effort to humiliate the pious nuns who fell into his power.

This was actually the first act of Bolshevik Communism committed in the Western Hemisphere. Later, in Vera Cruz, Carranza turned a large group of nuns who had taken refuge in that city over to the ribald Indian soldiers.

Proof of all these things was recorded in investigations of the Fall Committee, which made two large volumes running into thousands of pages.

If anyone wishes to acquire knowledge of how propaganda is made in the United States, in foreign interests, he has but to re-read this report. He will readily recognize some of the names prominent once more in these days advocating the entrance of the United States into the war against Germany. Among these same persons he will find several clergymen and college professors.

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, who is loud in support of red warmongering, was also loud in urging the United States to recognize the bloody Obregon.

When Connally, and other Communist aiders in Congress, yip and yell for a war that is opposed by 90 per cent of the people, they know full well that the Roosevelt administration will have to impose a Communist dictatorship like that of Russia, Mexico and China.

Before leaving China in 1935, certain Americans heard that it was already being plotted to turn the U.S.A. into a Communist State under Roosevelt. It was not known to us then how this transition could take place; but today the plan is very transparent.

—F.F.C.

Cincinnati, Ohio

'I Love America too Much' Protests German-born Christian

TO THE EDITOR:

In SOCIAL JUSTICE of October 13 there was a letter written by a Mrs. C. W. from Rochester, N. Y. I wish to add that I know what she said about Germany is true; churches there are not closed.

I came from the Rhineland, and my relatives and friends over there go to church regularly. I have also a letter to prove this in other parts of Germany.

I believe that a few churches were closed because too few persons attended them. That was done for financial reasons, as the State (i.e. public taxes) pays the priests their salaries. But the people were not restricted from attending the nearest church.

Around last Palm Sunday time I received a letter from the pastor of my home town church in which he regretted that I could not attend my "Golden Jubilee festival," which took place on Palm Sunday in my old church.

The good pastor had collected the names of all who had been confirmed in that church 50 years before and invited them to a homecoming to be blessed along with the young confirmants. He said that my Golden Jubilee certificate would be sent to me when "worldly conditions are more orderly and mail not getting lost so easily."

A friend wrote me from Reudern, Wuerttemberg, Germany, a few years ago (also in Hitler's time) that he accepted a similar invitation and visited his home parish on his 50th jubilee and how he and a few others who were still alive were decorated with some golden leaves.

He observed that people die young over there these days; he thought that the effects of the last war were the cause of it.

A friend who now lives in the United States near Madison also had an invitation to come to her home town church on a 50th anniversary homecoming celebration, on Palm Sunday several years ago.

That ought to show that German churches are not closed; on the other hand I hear that hundreds of new churches have been built in the last few years.

As a child in the Rhineland my teacher told me what a wonderful man George Washington was and how he himself fought to free America from British domination; also that he was a Christian and at one time gave a very sad little girl his Bible. Even in my days in Germany Washington was always my hero. If our war-mongers would have to fight the war themselves they would not try to break his *Constitution* to get into war.

When the war between Germany and Russia broke out, most people like myself hoped that through Hitler the poor downtrodden Russians would at last get a chance to worship God once more.

Their corrupt leadership ought to be overthrown. There is no hope for the Russian people by helping the Communist leaders keep their control.

A murderous regime that destroyed 20-million Christians should never have been recognized by our Government, to say nothing of our joining them as an ally.

I love America too much to see it sink to that level.

—Mrs. O.T.

Sussex, Wis.

Who Holds Iron?

TO THE EDITOR:

The other Sunday evening I listened to a broadcast by Mrs. Roosevelt in which she stated that she believed in "freedom of speech" for all, not just some and not others.

Well, then, how about Father Coughlin?

As everyone knows, the Government has done everything but attach what little money we have left in the bank for war taxes.

There is now reported to be a shortage of scrap iron and a "patriotic" drive is about to start, similar to the one for aluminum. I would like to suggest that the Government take a survey of the scrap yards of America and publish the name and nationality of the owners who are hoarding scrap metal for a higher war price.

Such information might still further vindicate Col. Lindbergh's charges.

—C.F.W.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Right from Eleanor

TO THE EDITOR:

In the October issue of *Ladies Home Journal*, under the heading "*If You Ask Me*," Mrs. Roosevelt states that her husband does not favor any particular race or religion in making appointments.

In one paragraph she says:

"If you feel that he has particularly favored any nationality, I think the answer is that that nationality may have had more to offer *that was necessary to accomplish the ends desired.*"

Now, if any grumblers have still wondered why, here is the answer direct from the White House!

—A.C.L.

Washington, D.C.

A Jewish Chronology

RECURRING persecutions and expulsion of the Jews have marked the history of every age and country since the fall of Jerusalem.

As background for current reading about the Jews—particularly the war-mongering of their international financialists and political policy-makers—SOCIAL JUSTICE reprints the accompanying chronology from Jewish sources.

Beginning on Page 71, Volume IV of the "*Jewish Encyclopedia*" (Funk & Wagnalls, 1903), the following record is printed. A second installment of this chronology will appear next week.

C.E.

70 Jerusalem besieged and conquered by Titus; the Temple destroyed.

72 Judea completely conquered; the "*Fiscus Judaicus*" instituted by Vespasian.

115 The Jews of Babylonia, Palestine, Egypt, Cyprus, Cyrene, and Libya rise against Trajan.

118 The Jews of Palestine rise against Trajan and Hadrian; "War of Lucius Quietus."

133 Rebellion of Bar Kokba against Hadrian; restoration of the Jewish State.

135 Fall of Bethar; end of Bar Kokba's rebellion.

161 Revolution in Palestine against Antoninus Pius.

280 Judah III, son of Judah II, patriarch, collects a tax from foreign communities.

306 Council of Elvira forbids Christians to eat with Jews or to intermarry with them.

325 First Nicene Council separates the celebration of Easter from that of the Jewish Passover.

339 Constantius forbids, under penalty of death, marriage of a Jew with a Christian woman, and circumcision of slaves.

361 Restoration of the Temple at Jerusalem undertaken under Julian the Apostate.

362 Julian the Apostate abolishes the Jew tax

400 Moses, the false Messiah of Crete.

415 Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, drives the Jews from Alexandria.

418 (March 10) Jews excluded from all public offices and dignities in the Roman Empire.

425 Extinction of the patriarchate.

455 Persecution of the Babylonian Jews under Yezdegerd III

465 The Council of Vannes (Gaul) prohibits the clergy from taking part in Jewish banquets.

471 Persecution of the Babylonian Jews under Firuz (Perozes); the exilarch Huna Mari and others suffer martyrdom.

C.E.

500 (circa). Abu-Kariba, Himyarite king, adopts Judaism, and converts his army and his people.

511 Mar-Zutra II, prince of the Captivity (exilarch), establishes an independent Jewish state in Babylonia under the Persian king Kobad.

516 (May 14, 15) Uprising against Jews of Clermont; synagogue destroyed.

517 The Council of Epaon forbids Christians to take part in Jewish banquets.

518 Persecution of the Jews by Kobad, King of Persia.

532 Justinian I decrees that the testimony of Jews shall be valid only in Jewish cases.

537 Justinian declares Jews incapable of holding any official dignity.

538 The Council of Orleans forbids Jews to appear on the street at Eastertide.

589 Reccared, Visgothic King of Spain, completely isolates Jews from Christians.

612 Sisebut, Visigothic king, forces the Jews to accept baptism or to emigrate.

624 The Banu Kainuka'a, a Jewish-Arabic tribe, driven from Arabia by Mohammed.

627 Emperor Heraclius forbids Jews to enter Jerusalem, and in other ways harasses the Palestinian Jews.

629 Dagobert orders the Jews of the Frankish empire to accept baptism or to emigrate.

633 The Council of Toledo under Sisenand, Visigothic king, and Isidore of Seville, forces converts to Judaism back to Christianity.

638 Chintila enacts that only professing Catholics shall remain in Visigothic Spain; Jews emigrate.

640 Omar, the second Calif, banishes all Jews from Arabia; the "*Pact of Omar*" imposes restrictions upon Jews in the whole Mohammedan world.

641 Bulan, khan of the Chazars, becomes a Jew.

658 Beginning of the Gaonate; Mar-Isaac, head of the Sura Academy, takes the title "Gaon."

694 (Nov.) All Jews in Spain and Gallic Provence declared slaves; children under seven forcibly baptized.

720 Omar II, Ommiad Calif of Damascus, re-enacts the "*Pact of Omar.*"

721 Appearance of the false Messiah Serenus in Syria causes many Spanish Jews to emigrate to Palestine.

761 The Karaite schism led by Anan ben David.

797 Isaac sent by Charlemagne on an embassy to Harun al-Rashid.

C.E.

814 "*Capitula de Judeis*" of Charlemagne and Ludwig decide that Jews should not have Church utensils in pledge.

827 (circa). Eberard, "Magister Judaeorum" under Louis I the Pious, king of the Franks, protects the Jews against Agobard, Bishop of Lyons.

845 The Council of Meaux, under Amolo, Bishop of Lyons, enacts anti-Jewish decrees, renewing those of Constantine and Theodosius II.

850 Al-Mutawakkil orders the "Peoples of the Book" to wear yellow kerchiefs.

878 Ibrahim ibn Ahmad orders Jews of Sicily to wear a badge.

982 (July 13) Kalonymus saves life of Otto II after battle of Cotrone.

1007 Persecution at Rouen by Robert the Devil.

1012 (Nov.) Jews driven from Mayence by Emperor Henry II.

1013 (Apr. 19) Massacre at Cordova by soldiers of Sulaiman ibn al-Hakim.

1021 Al-Hakim renews the "*Pact of Omar*" in Egypt.

1066 Banishment of the Jews from Granada.

1078 Pope Gregory VII (Hildebrand) promulgates canonical law against Jews holding office in Christendom.

1079 Jews repulsed from Ireland.

1085 Pope Gregory VII protests against Jews being placed by the King of Castile in authority over Christians.

1090 "*Fuero*" (decree) of Alfonso VI appoints duel as means settling litigation between Christian and Jew. (Feb. 19) Henry IV grants to Judah ben Kalonymus and other Jews of Speyer protection to life and property.

1096 First Crusade; Jews massacred along the Rhine and elsewhere.

1099 The Jews of Jerusalem burned in a synagogue by the Crusaders under Godfrey of Bouillon.

1103 (Jan. 6) The "*Constitutio Pacis*" of the imperial court at Mayence assures the Jews of the "emperor's peace."

1108 Massacre at Toledo.

1117 Persecution at Rome; appearance of a false Messiah at Cordova.

1120 Calixtus II issues bull "*Sicut Judaeis,*" the charter of the Roman Jews.

1124 Ladislaus I of Bohemia decrees that no Christian shall serve Jews.

1144 Alleged martyrdom of St. William of Norwich (first case of blood accusation).

1146 Second Crusade; Jews massacred throughout France and Germany. Beginning of the Almohad persecution in northern Africa and southern Spain; Jews flee, or pretend to accept Islam.

1150 *Statutes of Aries* appoint a special Jewish oath.

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1156 Jews of Persia persecuted on account of pseudo-Messiah, David Alroy.

1168 Latins and Greeks, Jews and Saracens, granted right of being judged by their own laws in Sicily.

1171 Thirty-one Jews and Jewesses of Blois burned on the charge of having used human blood in the Passover.

1172 Persecution of the Jews of Yemen. Messianic excitement.

1174 Sultan Nureddin Mahmud removes all Jews of Syria and Egypt from public offices.

1178 Riot at Toledo, at which Fermosa, the Jewish mistress of Alfonso VIII, is killed.

1179 The third Lateran Council passes decrees protecting the religious liberty of the Jews. (Aug.) Jews of Boppard and neighborhood slain because body of Christian woman is found on banks of Rhine. Jews expelled from Bohemia.

1182 (April) Philip Augustus of France banishes the Jews from his hereditary provinces and takes one-third of their debts.

1189 Attack on the Jews of London at coronation of Richard I.

1190 (May 17) Self-immolation of 150 Jews at York to avoid baptism.

1194 *"Ordinances of the Jewry"* passed in England for registering Jewish debts, thus preparing the way for the exchequer of Jews.

1198 Jews permitted to return to France by Philip Augustus on payment of 15,000 livres in silver.

1200 Bishop Conrad of Mayence issues a formula for an oath in German for Jews of Erfurt.

1205 (July 15) Innocent III writes to Archbishop of Sens and Bishop of Paris laying down the principle that Jews are bound to perpetual subjection because of the Crucifixion.

1209 Council of Avignon issues restrictive measures against the Jews. (July 22) French Jews attacked and plundered; 200 murdered.

1210 (Nov. 1) The Jews of England imprisoned by King John.

1211 Many French and English rabbis emigrate to Palestine.

1212 The Jews of Toledo killed by Crusaders under the Cistercian monk Arnold; first persecution of Jews in Castile.

1215 *Magna Charta* of England limits rights of the crown in Jewish debts to the principal. Fourth Lateran Council under Pope Innocent III, among many anti-Jewish measures, decrees the Jew badge.

1221 Jews killed at Erfurt.

1222 *Golden Bull of Hungary* refuses Jews the right to hold public office. Council of Oxford imposes restrictions on the English Jews.

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1223 (Nov. 8) Rabbinical Synod of Mayence regulates the payment of the Jewish taxes.

1227 Council of Narbonne re-enacts the anti-Jewish decrees of the fourth Lateran Council.

1230 (Dec.) *"Statutum de Judeis"* in France by Louis IX prohibits Jews from making contracts or leaving their lords' lands.

1234 (Dec. 10) Jews of Fulda find a murdered Christian; 261 Jews killed in consequence.

1236 Frederick II takes Jews of Sicily under his protection as being his *"servi camerae"* (first use of this term).

1240 (June 25) Disputation before Louis XI of France between Nicholas Donin and the Jews represented by Jehiel of Paris, Moses of Coucy, Talmudist and itinerant preacher, and two others.

1241 (May 24) Riot at Frankfort on account of a Jewish convert. Jewish Parliament summoned to Worcester, England,

1244 Archduke Frederick II the Valiant, of Austria, grants privileges to the Jews (*"Privilegium Fredericianum"*). Twenty-four wagon-loads of Talmuds and other manuscripts (1200) burned at Paris.

1246 James I of Aragon, in the *Ordenamiento of Huesca*, declares Jews to be *"in commanda regis."* Council of Beziers forbids Jews to practice medicine.

1254 (Dec.) Louis IX expels Jews from France.

1255 (July 31) St. Hugh of Lincoln disappears, and the Jews are accused of murdering him for ritual purposes.

1259 Jahudan de Cavalleria becomes "baylegeneral" and treasurer of Aragon. Provincial council of Fritzlar for province of Mayence repeats several of the canonical restrictions, including the badge (first time in Germany).

1261 Expulsion from Brabant, under will of Henry III, of all Jews except those living by trade.

1263 Disputation at Barcelona between Pablo Christiani and Nahmanides.

1264 Massacres at London, Canterbury, Winchester, and Cambridge by the barons in revolt against Henry III.

1265 (May 2) Persecution at Sunzig; 72 persons burned in synagogue.

1267 (May 12) Synod of Vienna, under Cardinal Guida, orders Jews to wear pointed hats.

1270 (June 23) Persecution at Weissenburg.

1273 (Nov. 4) Jews of Lerida obtain permission to substitute oath by the Ten Commandments for the oath *"more Judaico."*

1274 (July 7) Gregory X issues bull against blood accusation.

1275 Jews expelled from Marlborough, Gloucester, Worcester, and Cambridge, at request of the Queen-Mother.

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1280 Alfonso X orders all Jews of Leon and Castile to be imprisoned till they pay 12,000 *maravedis*, and 12,000 for every day of delay in payment. English Jews forced to attend sermons of Dominicans.

1285 Blood accusation at Munich.

1286 (June 28) Meir ben Baruch of Rothenburg (1220-93), chief rabbi of Germany, imprisoned when about to emigrate. Sancho of Castile in Cortes of Palencia orders Jews to submit their cases to the ordinary alcaldes (abolition of legislative autonomy). (Nov. 30) *Bull of Honorius IV* to archbishops of York and Canterbury against Talmud.

1287 (May 2) All Jews in England thrown into prison.

1290 (Nov. 1) Jews banished from England.

1292 Ritual murder accusation and riot at Colmar.

1294 (Aug. 7) Bolko I of Silesia grants Jews *"Privilegium Fredericianum."*

1295 (June 23) Boniface VIII enters Rome and spurns the Torah presented to him by Jewish deputation.

1297 *"Judenordnung"* for Brandenburg.

1298 Persecution of the Jews in Germany instigated by Rindfleisch; Mordecai ben Hillel a martyr.

1301 Jews plundered and slain at Magdeburg.

1303 Ordinance of Philip the Fair enacts that all trials between Christians and Jews be decided by regular courts.

1306 First expulsion of the Jews from France under Philip the Fair.

1315 (July 28) Jews recalled to France by Louis X for twelve years.

1320 The Pastoureaux persecutions in France (*"gezeret ha-Ro'im"*).

1321 The Leper persecution in France (*"gezeret mezora'im"*). (June 24) Second expulsion of the Jews from France: Five thousand slain in Dauphine on charge of well-poisoning.

1322 (Pentecost) Talmuds burned in Rome.

1330 Alleged desecration of host at Gustrow.

1334 (Oct. 9) Casimir III the Great, of Poland, grants Jews *"Privilegium Fredericianum."*

1334 Host-tragedy at Constance.

1337 (May) Armleder massacres at Ensisheim, Muhlhausen, Rufach, etc.

1346 Blood accusation at Munich.

1348 (Feb. 28) The *Ordenamiento of Alcaza* orders all usury to cease. (July 16) Karl IV forbids Jews being summoned before the Vehmgericht.

1348-49 Persecution of the Jews in central Europe on account of the Black Death. Pope Clement VI issues two bulls protecting them.

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Mr. Roosevelt's Plan

AT THIS early date, and despite the administration secrecy surrounding it, the Roosevelt plan becomes more and more apparent.

Already engaged in an undeclared war, in which casualties have been suffered by both sides, the President of the United States is prepared to wage a war which will last approximately 8 years.

Already, he is inclined to lower the draftees' age limit to 18 and to increase the personnel of the U. S. Army to 4-million men.

It is estimated that he proposes to spend approximately $250-billion to pursue his mad enterprise of invading Europe with 50,000 bombing planes and innumerable Navy units.

Having subdued Congress through the agency of carpetbagging Southern Representatives and patronage; it is expected that through these and other devisals, the President will obtain in 1942 another Congress totally subordinated to his policies.

Straws in the wind indicate that Mr. Roosevelt plans to purge from pulpit and platform all clergymen and other public speakers who oppose his program.

This is indicated by the action of Colonel Early E. W. Duncan at Denver, Colorado, a week ago. Col. Duncan issued an order declaring "out of bounds" America First meetings and churches where opposition to the "President's plans" are expressed.

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To the uninitiated we are supposed to be fighting a war to save democracy and to extend the four freedoms around the world. To those in the know it is quite apparent that Mr. Roosevelt is endeavoring to "out-Hitler" Hitler by establishing a more savage form of Naziism in America than was ever proposed for Continental Europe.

It appears that the Chief Executive is sounding a fire alarm on the East Side of the Atlantic, while committing arson on the West Side thereof.

Both the Federal Reserve bankers and Mr. Roosevelt now know that the credit system of international banking has been liquidated for the next five generations! Thus, industry, agriculture, commerce and business will be conducted not through loans extended by banks but through the agency of Presidentially-created credit, which is no more secure than was Mr. Roosevelt's word to keep us out of a shooting war.

The public will be informed that this huge debt is "owed to ourselves" and, therefore, can be wiped out by an Executive edict.

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Meanwhile, the profit system will be cashiered and the service system introduced.

Meanwhile, we can look forward to seeing the *Constitution* cashiered and supplanted by a rule of Nazi partyism.

Already, plans are being formulated to return Mr. Roosevelt to office for a fourth term on the basis that it would be imprudent to change horses in midstream.

Before the eight years will have elapsed, after the Roosevelt policy-makers have their way, the wealth of America will be nationalized for all practical purposes; the youth of America will be demoralized; and the spirit of America will be broken, while two Lords of the World fight it out to the death for possession of the world's commerce and power.

That is not a very enticing or hopeful picture. Nevertheless, it is one which confronts us; one which is being painted day by day upon the canvas at Washington by all the pettifoggers who support the all-aid-for-Russia program, together with the all-aid-for-Britain-and-Roosevelt program.

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